

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *gm*

DATE: April 8, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones *MA Jones*SUBJECT: MRS. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT*MASTERS OF DECEIT*b6  
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By registered letter dated April 6, (postmarked April 2) captioned individual commented on the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," and extended her best wishes to Mr. Hoover. After remarking about the book, Mrs. [REDACTED] states "Should you desire to send an answer of any form to this letter, please consider yourself at will to do so but use the utmost care as I wish you could help me as I have problems, but I live very quietly as an American who has two sons and loves America."

Bureau files reflect no records identifiable with Mrs. [REDACTED]. In view of the somewhat rambling nature of the letter and Mrs. [REDACTED] expressed desire to have the Director help her with her problems which she does not describe, it is believed advisable not to acknowledge the letter. It is noted that the letter is registered. This is a common trait of chronic or irrational correspondents.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommended that the letter not be acknowledged. *gm*

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April 6, 1958  
Bridgport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

MASTERS OF DECEIT 62941

Recently you wrote a book which went on sale, I first knew of your book through the newspaper. My desire would be to write a long letter of phrase. Newspapers are remarkable and I am glad that as just a plain ordinary American citizen that I can take this opportunity to write you which is one of our privileges as an American.

For a person who was misled about Communism and then came to your office with valuable aid to America is wonderful. I am thankful for people of that quality.

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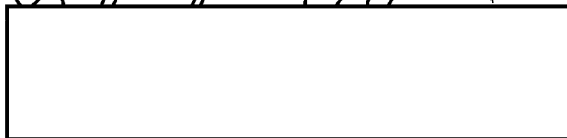
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An American who has two sons and loves  
America. Good luck and Best wishes with your work.

Respectfully yours,



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April 6, 1958  
Bridgeport, Conn.

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Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

*[Signature]*

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April 7, 1958

Mr. R. K. ~~X~~ Scott  
President  
~~X~~ America's Future, Inc.  
542 Main Street  
New Rochelle, New York

Dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of March 31, 1958, together with enclosures, has been received, and I want you to know that I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness.

It is certainly encouraging that you considered "Masters of Deceit" important enough to call to the attention of your readers.

Sincerely yours,

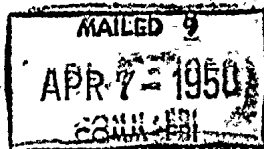
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: No identifiable derogatory data found in Bufiles regarding Scott, or America's Future, Inc.

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AMERICA'S FUTURE, INC.



542 MAIN STREET, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.

Publishers of  
pro-American books,  
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"Eternal Vigilance Is

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General Motors Corporation,  
Port Deposit, Maryland

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The Gray Manufacturing  
Company, Hartford, Conn.

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President,  
Anderson, Clayton & Co.,  
Houston, Texas

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Milwaukee, Wis.

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Throat Hospital,  
Charlotte, North Carolina

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Chairman,  
Armco Steel Corporation,  
Middletown, Ohio

RAGNAR A. HUMMEL,  
Chairman,  
Lone Star Cement Corp.,  
New York, N. Y.

JOEL Y. LUND,  
Vice President,  
Warner-Lambert  
Pharmaceutical Company,  
Morris Plains, New Jersey

H. W. PRENTIS, Jr.,  
Chairman,  
Armstrong Cork Co.,  
Lancaster, Pa.

HERBERT RAMEL,  
Vice President,  
Moog Industries,  
St. Louis, Mo.

J. R. WILKINS,  
President,  
Hardwood Charcoal Co.,  
Steelville, Missouri

GEN. R. E. WOOD,  
Director,  
Sears, Roebuck & Co.,  
Chicago, Ill.

March 31, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Dept. of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are pleased to have included your book  
"Masters of Deceit" in the spring issue of  
All-American Books Review. We have already  
received a large number of orders for the  
book and will continue to promote it vigor-  
ously.

A special mailing will go out next week to a  
list of 100,000 subscribers. We are proud  
to include "Masters of Deceit" in our list  
of pro-American books.

Sincerely yours,

R. K. Scott  
President

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*"as people read, so do they think"*

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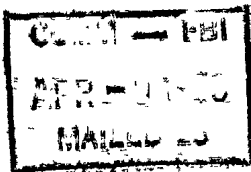
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Mr. Charles E. ~~Hasty~~  
Superintendent  
Steele City Public Schools  
Steele City, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Hasty:

Thank you for your letter of April 2, 1958,  
in which you inquired about my book, "Masters of Deceit."  
If the book is not available through your local book or  
department store, you may desire to obtain a copy from  
the publisher, Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 383 Madison  
Avenue, New York 17, New York, for five dollars plus  
postage.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record identifiable with correspondent.

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STEELE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

Steele City, Nebraska

Phone 2271

April 2, 1958

Charles E. Hasty, supt.

J. Edgar Hoover  
Head of F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have spent my life in formulating a  
Philosophy of life that would conquer Communism. I  
am now writing a book upholding our way of life.

I am interested in getting a copy of your  
book "Masters of Deceit." Where can I get it, and what  
is the price?

Thanking you for this information I am

Very Resp.

/s/ Charles E. Hasty

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Lieutenant Colonel [redacted]  
Director General of Investigations  
Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities  
National Police  
Havana, Cuba

Dear Colonel [redacted]

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Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of March 19, 1958, with which you enclosed a clipping from the Cuban newspaper, "Diario de la Marina," concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Your congratulations and best wishes are certainly appreciated, and I am most grateful for your continued support. In connection with your request for a copy of "Masters of Deceit," I thought you would like to know that at the request of the Honorable Arthur Gardner, former United States Ambassador to Cuba, I autographed a copy of the book to you. He is sending it along to you.

While my book has not been edited in Spanish as yet, you may be sure that every consideration will be given to doing so.

MAILED 9  
APR 2 - 1958  
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Havana - Enclosure

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

NOTE: Lt. Colonel [redacted] met the Director on November 20, 1957, and has been most cooperative with the Bureau. At the request of former U. S. Ambassador Arthur Gardner, the Director autographed a copy of "Masters of Deceit" to Lt. Colonel [redacted] on March 20, 1958.

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MINISTERIO DE GOBERNACION  
BRAC

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BRAC, Ctel "Gen Roloff"  
Cdad Mtar, March 19, 1958.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington 25, D.C.,  
U.S.A.

Dear Director:

*Published Havana, Cuba*  
It is indeed a great pleasure for me to enclose  
a clip of the Cuban newspaper, "Diario de la Marina", dated  
March 9, 1958, concerning the publication of your book entitled  
"MASTERS OF DECEIT", about communism in America.

May I take this occasion to extend my heartiest  
congratulations and best wishes for every success in your new  
contribution to combat the enemy of Democracy.

I would be very much obliged to you, if you would  
send me a copy of the above mentioned book.

Please let me know if "MASTERS OF DECEIT" will be  
edited in Spanish. If so, I am sure all Latin American countries  
would be very interested in it.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely, yours,

Teniente Coronel de la Policia Nacional  
DIRECTOR GENERAL DE INVESTIGACIONES (BRAC).

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA"  
DEAN OF THE CUBAN PRESS

Havana

Sunday, March 9, 1958

HOOVER Reveals the Communists' Plans in the United States

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The FBI Chief Brings Out into the Open the Tactical Moves, Subversive Activities, Infiltration, Espionage, and Sabotage of the Communist Party

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THEY ARE INFILTRATING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

HOOVER Makes a Dramatic Call to Stop the Actions of the Red Conspirators. The Taking Over of the Government is Their Prime Objective.

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Washington, March 8, (INS). A keen and penetrating account of communism in America is given by the Director of the FBI, J. EDGAR HOOVER, in a book entitled, "Masters of Deceit," which is to be published on Monday, the tenth.

HOOVER relates with great authenticity the continuous campaign of the Communist Party to achieve its prime objective, the overthrow of the Government of the United States.

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The man who has headed the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) since 1924, and a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, is the person who is best qualified to expose the conspiracy. He began his study of communism thirty-nine years ago.

"Masters of Deceit" is a dramatic study, with direct knowledge, of communist strategy and its tactics, subversive activities, infiltration, espionage, sabotage, and brainwashings.

HOOVER establishes his premise simply by stating the following: "Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his home, his children, the peace of the world - and that is why I have written this book."

In 374 pages filled with sensational information heretofore unknown, the author has opened the curtain of mystery which had always hidden the communist conspiracy and graphically reveals his plans of combat which each citizen should follow in combating this cancerous threat confronting the American nation.

The principal parts of the book include the following:

The communist objective - HOOVER says, "The Party's objective is to force a wedge, no matter how small, in as many minds as possible. That is the reason why, in every manner possible, the communists are attempting to change our way of thinking on current matters such as social reforms, peace, politics, veterans, women, and problems of youth."

The communist revolution in the United States - "The communists do not propose to change our government or retain any part of its present structure. They would eliminate it, destroy all opposition, and then establish a new government, an American province in the Soviet world empire."

Soviet agents - HOOVER points out that many of the leaders of the Communist Party of the United States are graduates of the LENIN School in Moscow that trains groups of skillful international conspirators to serve the reds. He identifies the following as being among them: EUGENE DENNIS,

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CARL WINTER, SIMON W. GERSON, WILLIAM WEINSTONE,  
NAT GAYLEY, STEVE NELSON, BETTY GANNETT, GUS HALL, ALBERT LANNON,  
PHIL BART, ROSE WORTIS, LORETTA STACK, and HENRY WINSTON.

Spies - HOOVER says: "The United States is the number one target of tactical and strategic Soviet spies. Every effort is being made to penetrate our defenses."

Examples of what a red spy looks for - "Any person who thinks that the purpose of espionage is only to obtain military information does not know the nature of espionage in the twentieth century. A military manual, security regulations of a government building, the 'political opinions' of an industrial plant employee, and incidents in the lives of prominent personages that can be used for blackmail, those and many more are targets that are highly valued by spies."

Religious organizations - The FBI Chief says, "The Party is today dedicated to a systematic program for infiltrating American religious organizations." Communists are trained to "join church bodies and to devote themselves to religious works." This serves as a screen of respectability and provides them with a cover for distributing propaganda and gives them an opportunity to have contact with youth.

Subversive activities - HOOVER describes the underground communist movement as a "maze of couriers, escape routes, hide-outs, and clandestine meetings." He says, "Only the most trusted and dedicated members of the Party are chosen" for these operations.

The Negroes - HOOVER says, "The Party claims that it is fighting for the rights of Negroes. This is a deception and a fraud. The only interest of the Party, as the majority of American Negroes know, is to take advantage of them, exploit them, and use them as instruments to convert America to communism."

Party discipline - "Communism," says the FBI Chief, "is cannibalistic. Its servants are periodically offered as sacrifices on the communist altar." He points out that "the inhuman depravity, hate, and rancor to which the Party has descended is denoted in the orders which seek vengeance on all those that have been expelled."

HOOVER offers a good description of what the United States would be like if converted into a "dictatorship of the proletariat."

The national capital "would be transferred from Washington, District of Columbia, to a great industrial center, probably Chicago." The system of national and state governments would be abolished. In their place Soviets would be established.

The hierarchy and "executors" of the Communist Party would "deprive of office and probably liquidate" the mayors, chiefs of police, clergymen, and civic leaders. All industry would be nationalized. Farms would be taken away from their owners.

Innumerable positions would be eliminated. Among them would be wholesale merchants, large scale middlemen, real estate agents, stockholders, specialists in propaganda and advertising, traveling salesmen, lawyers, and whatever the Party says is "all the gamut of bureaucrats, government officials, police officers, clergymen, and loathsome capitalists who dedicate themselves to fraud and plunder."

In his cry of alert for action against the red conspirators, HOOVER emphasizes the fact that "we cannot afford the luxury of waiting for communism to continue its course as other oppressive dictatorships have done." He offers the following five point program:

That every citizen devote a few moments of his daily life to study the Bible and the basic documents of American history. The result, "We would have a new America, vigilant, strong but ever humble in the service of God."

Examples by adults demonstrating that "it is possible to combine idealism with solid practicality and patience."

Action - Young people and adults should become "working members of our republic and citizens on duty at all times."

Positive action - HOOVER advises that "we should strive for goals that are genuinely better, higher, and more noble, trying to better ourselves for our community and our country."

Faith - HOOVER says, "A communist prides himself on being a revolutionary and revolutionary he is, in the sense of destruction, terror, and violence. Free man could learn here in this field too."

"The true revolutionary force of history is not material power but the spirit of religion. The world today needs a true revolutionary of fruitful spirit, not the futile sword."

# DIARIO DE LA MARINA

DECANO DE LA PRENSA DE CUBA

LA HABANA,

DOMINGO 9 DE MARZO DE 1958

## Revela Hoover los planes comunistas en Estados Unidos

Desentraña el Jefe del FBI las maquinaciones tácticas, actividades subversivas, filtración, espionaje y sabotaje del Partido Comunista

MEZCLANSE EN LOS GRUPOS RELIGIOSOS

Hace E. Hoover una dramática llamada para paralizar la acción de los conspiradores rojos. Asalto al poder, su objetivo señalado

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8. (INS.)

Una aguda y penetrante relación sobre el comunismo en América es expuesta por el director del FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, en un libro titulado "Masters of Deceit" (Maestros del Engaño), que será publicado el lunes 10.

Hoover relata con auténtica documentación la continua campaña del Partido Comunista hacia su primer objetivo: La toma del Poder de Gobierno en Estados Unidos.

El hombre que ha dirigido el Buró Federal de Investigaciones (FBI) desde 1924 es el mejor indicado para exponer la conspiración como asistente especial del Ministro de Justicia, comenzó su estudio del comunismo hace 39 años.

"Masters of Deceit" es un estudio dramático de casi cuatro décadas, con conocimiento directo, de la estrategia comunista. Sus tácticas, sus actividades subversivas, la infiltración, espionaje, sabotaje y "lavados cerebrales".

Hoover establece su premisa con sencillez, en estas palabras: "Cada ciudadano tiene el deber de aprender más sobre el peligro que amenaza su futuro, su hogar, sus hijos, la paz del mundo, y por eso es que escribí este libro".

En 374 páginas, saturadas de información sensacional no conocida, el autor despeja la cortina de misterio tras la que siempre se ha ocultado la conspiración comunista, y revela gráficamente sus planes de lucha que debe seguir cada ciudadano individualmente para combatir la cancérosa amenaza a esta nación norteamericana.

Los puntos principales del libro incluyen:

—El objetivo comunista. Hoover dice: "El objetivo del partido es forzar una cuna, no importa cuán pequeña, en tantas mentes como sea posible. Por eso que, en toda forma concebible, los comunistas tratan de envenenar nuestra forma de pensar sobre las cuestiones del momento: reformas sociales, paz política, veteranos, mujeres y problemas de la juventud".

—Revolución comunista en Estados Unidos. "Los comunistas no proponen remodelar nuestro Gobierno o retener ninguna parte de su actual estructura. Lo eliminarían, destruirían toda oposición y luego crearían un nuevo Gobierno, una provincia americana en el imperio mundial soviético".

—Agentes soviéticos. Hoover destaca que muchos de los líderes del Partido Comunista en Estados Unidos son graduados de la Escuela Lenin en Moscú, que entrena un grupo de hábiles conspiradores internacionales al servicio de los rojos. Identifica como tales a Eugene Dennis, Claude Lichtfoot, Carl Winter, Simón W. Gerson, William Weinstein, Nat Ganley, Steve Nelson, Betty Gannett, Gus Hall, Albert Lannon, Phil Part, Rose Wortis, Loretta Stack y Henry Winston.

—Espías. Hoover advierte: "Estados Unidos es el blanco número uno de los espías tácticos y estratégicos soviéticos. Se hace todo esfuerzo para penetrar nuestras defensas".

—Ejemplos de lo que busca un espía rojo. "Cualquier persona que cree que el fin del espionaje es gestionar únicamente información militar no conoce la naturaleza del espionaje del Siglo XX. Un panfleto militar, reglamentos de seguridad de un edificio oficial, las opiniones "políticas" de un empleado en una firma industrial, incidentes en la vida de personas prominentes pueden usar para chantaje. Esos y muchos otros así son blancos preciados de los espías".

—Grupos religiosos. El jefe del FBI dice: "El partido está dedicado hoy a un programa sistemático de infiltración en grupos religiosos norteamericanos. Los comunistas son enseñados a asociarse a iglesias y dedicarse al trabajo religioso". Esto les sirve de pantalla de "respetabilidad" y les provee un medio encubierto de distribuir propaganda y la oportunidad de tener contacto con la juventud.

—Operaciones subversivas. Hoover describe el movimiento subterráneo comunista como "una masa de correos, rutas de escape, escondites y reuniones clandestinas". Dice que "únicamente los más confiables y dedicados miembros del partido son escogidos" para estas operaciones.

—Los negros. Hoover dice: "El partido reclama que está luchando por los derechos de los negros. Eso es un engaño y un fraude. El único interés del partido, como lo sabe la mayoría de los negros norteamericanos, es aprovecharlos, explotarlos y utilizarlos como instrumentos para convertir a América al comunismo".

—Disciplina de partido. "El comunismo", dice el jefe del FBI, "es un totalitarismo. Sus seguidores son periódicamente ofrecidos como víctimas del sacrificio en el altar comunista". Señala que "el fondo de la depravación, odio y rencor inhumano al cual ha descendido el partido, se denota en las órdenes para ejercer venganza contra aquellos que son expulsados".

Hoover ofrece una buena descripción de lo que sería Estados Unidos convertido en "una dictadura del proletariado".

La capital nacional "sería transferida de Washington, Distrito de Columbia, a un gran centro industrial, probablemente Chicago". El sistema de Gobiernos nacional y estatales sería eliminado. En su lugar surgiría un "Soviet".

Los jefes y "ejecutores" del Partido Comunista "destituirían y probablemente liquidarían" los alcaldes, jefes de policía, clérigos y líderes cívicos. Toda la industria sería nacionalizada. Las haciendas serán arrebatadas a sus dueños.

Se eliminarán incontables posiciones, entre ellas las de comerciantes al por mayor, intermediarios en grande escala, negociantes en bienes raíces, accionistas, especialistas en propaganda y anuncios, vendedores viajeros, abogados y lo que el partido dice es "toda la gama de burocratas gubernamentales, policías, clérigos y asquerosos capitalistas que se dedican al fraude y al pillaje".

En su llamada de alerta para acción contra los conspiradores rojos, Hoover recalca que "no podemos gastarnos el lujo de esperar que el comunismo siga su curso como otras dictaduras opresoras", sugiere el siguiente programa de cinco puntos:

—Que cada ciudadano dedique algún momento de su vida diaria a estudiar la Biblia y los documentos básicos de la historia norteamericana. Resultado: "Tendríamos una América nueva, vigilante, fuerte, pero aun humilde al servicio de Dios".

—Ejemplos de los adultos demostrando que "es posible combinar el idealismo con la práctica sólida y la paciencia".

—Acción. La gente joven y los adultos deben ser "miembros ocupados de nuestra República y ciudadanos en misión de todo momento".

—Actitud "positiva". Hoover aconseja que "nosotros debemos luchar por metas genuinamente mejores, más altas y más nobles, tratando de mejorar a nosotros mismos, a nuestra comunidad y nuestra nación".

—Fe. Hoover dice: "El comunista siente orgullo de ser revolucionario. Y lo es el sentido de la destrucción, el terror y la violencia. El hombre libre puede aprender en este campo también. La verdadera fuerza revolucionaria de la historia no es el poder material, sino el espíritu de la religión. El mundo contemporáneo necesita un verdadero revolucionario del espíritu fructífero, no la espada fútil".

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 4/9/58

FROM : L. V. Boardman *LVB*

SUBJECT: Autographing book "Masters of Deceit"

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I am forwarding herewith a copy of your new book, "Masters of Deceit," and would appreciate it very much if you could autograph it to

*[Redacted]*  
 Dr. *[Redacted]* is a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, and is a plastic surgeon, stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital. I have known him for several years and have always found him to be very complimentary of the Bureau and its work. A check of the Bureau files has failed to reveal any references which can be identified with Dr. *[Redacted]*

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April 10, 1958

Mrs. [redacted]  
1101 Green Street  
San Francisco 9, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April 4, 1958. You may be sure that I am most grateful for your interest in "Masters of Deceit."

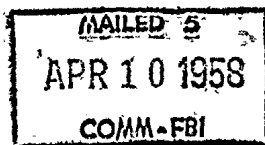
I feel certain that the publishers of this book will give consideration to the publication of an inexpensive edition of this book if such is warranted.

Your thoughtfulness in giving me the benefit of your observations is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: No identifiable derogatory data re [redacted] in Bufile [redacted]



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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 4th 1958

My dear Mr. Hoover

Thank you for writing "Masters of Deceit." Would it be possible to put out a condensed, inexpensive (.50) copy, which could be sold on all the newsstands through-out the nation? Only please add three-fold to your warning on our present danger.

My fellow traveler, do gooder, one wolder friends say, 'Nonsense your thinking is hysterical and out of date there may have been danger at one time but no more.'

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One paragraph in your book puzzles me. On page 257 you praise several organizations as giving effective opposition to Communism. From my observation not all those listed do.

It might be interesting to ask the help of the Anti-Defamation league in financing and editing the publication, of your informative book at a popular price. Maybe they could manage the world wide publicity which it merits.

With sincere gratitude to, and admiration for, the organization which you have created.

I am,  
Truly yours,

/s/

[Redacted Signature Box]

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April 10, 1958

62-104277-435  
Mr. M. F. <sup>V</sup>Barno  
Post Office Box 86  
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Barno:

Your letter of April 4, 1958, together with enclosures, has been received, and I want you to know I am most grateful for your interest in "Masters of Deceit." It was a pleasure to autograph the copy of this book for presentation to the Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, Okla. and I am returning this book to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: In June, 1952, Internal Revenue Agents advised our Birmingham Office that a nonspecific allegation had been made that Michael Frederick Barno, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Intelligence Office, Birmingham, Alabama, was communistic in his leanings but the basis for this allegation was found to be Barno's inefficiency in administering his office consisting of the issuance of conflicting instructions, countermanding previous instructions and causing general confusion, etc. It is not known whether this individual is identical with correspondent. (100-0-27832)

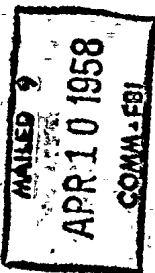
Correspondent enclosed a copy of "Masters of Deceit" and a self-addressed mailer bearing twenty cents postage and this mailer will be used in reply. No identifiable derogatory data re Barno or the Oklahoma Military Academy.

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M. F. BARNO  
P. O. Box 86  
Atlanta 1, Georgia

April 4 1958

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Honorable Hoover:

I would appreciate it very much if you would autograph a copy of your book, **MASTERS OF DECEIT** (especially) for presentation to Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, Oklahoma, where I have established a collection of books about General Eisenhower and American wars.

With my every good wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

/s/ M. F. Barno

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M. F. BARNO  
P. O. BOX 86  
ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA

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383 MADISON AVENUE...NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

VICE PRESIDENT

March 26, 1958

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Bldg.  
Washington 25, D.C.

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*MASTERS OF DECEIT*

Dear Clyde:

Enclosed herewith is a print of picture No. 17 and also the caption that you referred to on the telephone yesterday. You will also find the original of the letter that I received from [redacted] advising that the last two paragraphs of this caption have been ordered deleted.

I note that [redacted] says in his letter that these paragraphs are being eliminated "from copy mailed to any clients from today onward." I am writing him, today, advising him that he must also notify, immediately, all clients who have already bought the syndication.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*BILL* *Bill*

William E. Buckley

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March 26, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of March 25th concerning the last two paragraphs of the caption accompanying picture No. 17 of the syndication of MASTERS OF DECEIT by J. Edgar Hoover.

In your letter of March 25th you say that you are eliminating the last two paragraphs "from copy mailed to any clients from today onward." You must also advise the clients who have already bought the syndication and who must have this change. This is very important.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

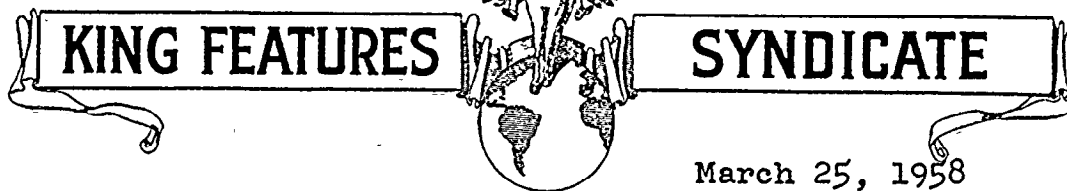
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March 25, 1958

Mr. William E. Buckley  
Henry Holt & Co.  
383 Madison Ave.  
New York City

Dear Bill:

Herewith (a) copy of print identified as No. 17 among the photos supplied by KFS for optional use with serialization of the J. Edgar Hoover book, Masters of Deceit; (b) the original caption for it which, as you know, was approved in Mr. Hoover's behalf; and (c) copy of our 'kill' notice sent to papers to which copy of captions had already been mailed when you telephoned today.

The two paragraphs are being eliminated from copy mailed to any clients from today onward.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,



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Editors:

In caption for No. 17 among the photos sent you for optional use with the serialization of the J. Edgar Hoover book, "Masters of Deceit," k i l l the second and third paragraphs beginning "J. Edgar Hoover reveals" x x x and ending x x x "Henry Winston." This is a must kill.

The photo is that of Claudia Jones, Betty Gannett and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn being taken to Federal Court.

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16. Eugene Dennis (left), the one-time General Secretary of the Communist Party, and Irving Potash being taken to the Federal penitentiary, after conviction in 1949 in a long drawn-out trial before Federal Judge Harold Medina in New York, of teaching and advocating the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence. Potash was an international vice president of the Fur and Leather Workers' Union.

Convicted with Dennis and Potash were John Gates, John B. Williamson, Gilbert Green, Carl Winter, Gus Hall, Benjamin Davis, Jr., Henry Winston, Jacob Stachel, Robert G. Thompson. The FBI had assembled in 1946-1947 a brief running to more than 1,300 pages, of its investigation of the Communist Party and CP leaders, and this led to the indictments under the Smith Act which produced the convictions of the leaders named above. W. Z. Foster escaped trial through securing a separation of his case from the others on grounds of illness. (New York Mirror Photo)

17. Left to right, next to the Federal marshal: Claudia Jones, Betty Gannett and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn being taken to court after a Federal judge ruled that bonds furnished by the "Civil Rights Congress" for fifteen indicted Communists were unacceptable. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, ran in 1957 for the New York City Council under the emblem of the "People's Rights Party," after communists obtained 3,000 signatures on petitions required by law to place her name on the ballot.

J. Edgar Hoover reveals in "Masters of Deceit" that Betty Gannett was one of the graduates of the Lenin School in Moscow, a training-center for underground and conspiratorial operations and the tactics of revolution and civil war.

Other Lenin School graduates from the United States, identified by Mr. Hoover: Eugene Dennis, Claude Lightfoot, Carl Winter, Simon W. Gerson, William Weinstone, Nat Ganley, Steve Nelson, Gus Hall, Albert Lannon, Phil Bart, Rose Wortis, Loretta Stack, Henry Winston.

(I.N.P. Photo)

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18. Benjamin Davis, Jr., one of the eleven communist leaders convicted under the Smith Act in 1949, was a member of the New York City Council when convicted. The Council ousted Davis on the ground that the conviction disqualified him. Davis, a native of Dawson, Ga., and son of a former Republican National Committeeman from Georgia, was graduated from Harvard with a law degree. (I.N.P. Photo).

19. Left to right: Whittaker Chambers, the then Rep. Richard M. Nixon, and the House Un-American Affairs Committee investigator, Robert E. Stripling, during the investigation which brought to light the Chambers-Hiss affair. FBI agents investigated the charges of Chambers and denials of Hiss and enabled the Federal court to present evidence against Hiss which led to Hiss' conviction of perjury.. (I.N.P. Photo).

20. Ethel and Julius Rosenberg on their way to prison after their conviction in 1951 on espionage conspiracy charges, on evidence collected by the FBI. Judge Irving Kaufman in sentencing them to death, declared, "I consider your crime worse than murder. Plain deliberate contemplated murder is dwarfed in magnitude by comparison with the crime you have committed. In committing the act of murder, the criminal kills only his victim...But in your case, I believe your conduct in putting into the hands of the Russians the A-bomb, years before our best scientists predicted Russia would perfect the bomb, has already caused, in my opinion, the Communist aggression in Korea, with the resultant casualties exceeding 50,000 and who knows but that millions more of innocent people may pay the price of your treason. Indeed, by your betrayal you undoubtedly have altered the course of history to the disadvantage of our country..."

The Rosenbergs were executed at Sing Sing Prison after a great hue and cry of "frame-up" had been raised by the Communist Party through its front organizations, and the case had been reviewed more than sixteen times in Federal courts.

The New York Journal-American, in 1951, revealed the fact that the Rosenbergs had been instrumental in informing Russia, in 1947, of U.S. plans for a moon satellite.. (I.N.P. Photo)

From King Features Syndicate, 235 East 45th Street, New York 17, N.Y.

Editors: The accompanying photos are provided for publication editorially, at your option, with instalments of J. Edgar Hoover's Own Story: Communism in America Today and How to Fight It, from his book, "Masters of Deceit." Caution should be exercised in using other photographs or illustrations with the serialization, to insure that the term "Communist" or any of its synonyms is not associated libelously with any person or persons.

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1. The signature of the author of "Masters of Deceit."
2. Portrait of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Must credit: Fabian Bachrach.
3. J. Edgar Hoover at the entrance to the headquarters of the FBI in Washington. (K.F.S.)
4. Entrance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's headquarters in the United States Department of Justice building, Washington. (K.F.S.)
5. Inside the FBI: A laboratory technician engaged in one of the scores of scientific techniques the FBI employs in dealing with subversive conspirators. The technician is analyzing bomb fragments to determine the type of bomb and obtain clues to its source. (I.N.P. Photo)
6. View of a parade on May Day 1930 in New York, with many women among the marchers. (I.N.P. Photo)

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7. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being decorated by President Eisenhower in 1955, for an "outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States." The ceremony took place at the White House in the presence of Vice President Nixon (to the right of the President), Secretary Dulles (right), and other members of the Cabinet. Mr. Hoover was given a second decoration by President Eisenhower in January 1958.

(INP Photo)

8. Nicholai Lenin presiding (at head of table) in 1922 over the Communist grand council.

J. Edgar Hoover points out in "Masters of Deceit," "More than any other man Lenin is the 'developer' of modern communism and the father of Party structure and dictatorship. His importance is reflected in the communist description of its way of life as the 'science of Marxism-Leninism.' ... Lenin made Marxism a highly disciplined, organized and ruthless creed. How can revolution be achieved? Not by democratic reforms, ballots, or good will, but by naked, bloody violence... Lenin conceived of the Party as a vehicle of revolution. Marx, in his philosophical abstractions, had never thought out the day-to-day composition of the Party. Lenin did. The Party must be a small, tightly controlled, deeply loyal group. Fanaticism, not members, was the key. They must lie, cheat, and murder if the Party was to be served. No deviations could be permitted.

"Lenin founded the Third International (better known as the Communist International, or Comintern). The Third International was a keystone of Soviet policy, whereby Moscow, through Bolshevik discipline, could guide the activities of communists around the world, including those in the United States ... Lenin proclaimed at the first Congress of the Comintern, 'the victory of the world Communist revolution is assured.' ..."

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Miss [redacted]  
20 Main Street  
Port Washington, New York

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of April 3, 1958, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me is appreciated.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did concerning my new book, and it is most encouraging to learn of your enjoyment of its contents.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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*J. Edgar Hoover*

20 Main Street  
Port Washington  
New York  
April 3, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Provided this letter gets beyond your secretary I would like you to know I think your book MASTERS OF DECEIT is the best book I have ever read. I started reading it this morning and I have just finished it. I think it should be required reading for every adult. I have always wanted an answer to the question "Why does anyone join the Party"? You have devoted considerable space to this question and have partially answered it for me. Because I believe the U.S.A. with all its faults and virtues is the best on earth, it is difficult for me to understand anyone who differs with that point of view. You have given a very clear and understandable explanation of the party organization. I have a clearer understanding of its organization from your book than I have ever had from any other book I have ever read on the subject. It is a wonderful book and I enjoyed every word.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mrs. [redacted]  
1235 Henry Clay Avenue  
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I am taking the liberty of acknowledging your kind letter of April 7, 1958, in the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city. I know he will be pleased to learn of your interest in "Masters of Deceit."

In connection with your request, I thought you would like to know that one of Mr. Hoover's favorite stories concerns the occasion when he was scared by a black cat. During a raid on the Roger Touhy gang in 1942, he stepped on the cat's tail, and the cat's screech, Mr. Hoover frankly admits, was his greatest moment of fear.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am reviewing your wonderful book Masters of Deceit, for several hundred women at the Orleans Club, here in New Orleans, next week. I thought I should give the women a bit of levity and after much thought I decided to write and ask if you would mind telling me your favorite quotation or your favorite poem. Maybe you have a favorite humorous saying that you would not mind my quoting.

My wish is that my review and those given by others will be successful in helping to inform the people of your message.

Thank you very much for all you have done for me, my family and our country.

Sincerely yours,



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1235 Henry Clay Avenue  
New Orleans 18, Louisiana  
April 7, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover, Masters of Deceit

I am reviewing your wonderful book Masters of Deceit for several hundred women at the ORLEANS Club here in New Orleans, next week. New Orleans 43 I thought I should give the women a bit of levity and after much thought I decided to write and ask if you would mind telling me your favorite quotation or your favorite poem. Maybe you have a favorite humorous saying that you would not mind my quoting.

My wish is that my review and those given by others will be successful in helping to inform the people of your message 62-104277-439

Thank you very much for all you have done for me, my family and our country.

Sincerely yours,

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62-104277-440

April 10, 1958

Miss [redacted]  
5643 Swiss Avenue  
Dallas 14, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Thank you for your note of March 31, 1958, with which you forwarded a clipping of your letter to "The Dallas Times Herald" published on the same date. I sincerely appreciate your observations, and I want to thank you for your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no information identifiable with Miss [redacted] on basis of information reflected in the incoming. [redacted]

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3-31-58

Mr. Hoover:

You may be interested in this  
little comment on your excellent  
new book, Masters of Deceit.

John Gates has been invited to  
speak at Southern Methodist  
University in Dallas, on April 23d.

There is discussion pro and con his coming. I shall  
not be surprised if the date is canceled.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
Mr. Mohr ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Mr. Parsons ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Trotter ☒  
Mr. Wines ☒  
Mr. Clayton ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Mr. Holloman ☒  
Miss Holmes ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

4/9/58

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4-10-58  
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APR 7 1958

5643 Swiss Avenue  
Dallas 14, Texas

3-31-58

# THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD

Monday, March 31, 1958

## Says Hoover Book Doesn't Clear Gates

To The Times Herald:

Roscoe Drummond, in a recent column in The Times Herald, gave a report on the new book, "Masters of Deceit," by J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Drummond says, in part:

"The defections are mounting. Besides Louis Budenz, Bella Dodd and others, the deconverted Communists include such distinguished defectors as John Gates, former editor of the now

defunct Daily Worker, Joseph Clark, former foreign editor, and Howard Fast, the American novelist, winner of the Stalin award."

Four of them evidently have been screened and found to be worthy of our confidence. But John Gates is not so classified anywhere in this book. His name appears only twice, on pages 77 and 165, respectively. In neither place is he mentioned as one who has broken with the Communist party. To include him with the others, ostensibly with the blessing of J. Edgar Hoover, is a twisting of text, a false interpretation, and an unpardonable intrusion of "See Me" under the cloak of "Ipse Dixit."

ELIZABETH STAPLES  
5643 Swiss, Dallas.

Mr. Hoover:

You may be interested in this little comment on your excellent new book, Masters of Deceit.

John Gates has been invited to speak at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, on April 23d.

There is discussion pro and con his coming. I shall not be surprised if the date is canceled.

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Sincerely, yours  
J. Edgar Hoover

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C-99 62-104277-441

April 7, 1958

Mr. [REDACTED]  
321 West Douglas  
Wichita 2, Kansas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of April 1, 1958, in which you mentioned having purchased 1,000 copies of my book, "Masters of Deceit," for distribution around the country.

Your wholehearted support of my book is most heartening, and I share your hope that it will help alert some complacent Americans to the real threat posed by atheistic communism.

With deep gratitude,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no unfavorable information identifiable with Mr. [REDACTED] of Wichita, Kansas. There has been limited cordial correspondence.

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321 WEST DOUGLAS  
WICHITA, 2, KANSAS

April 1, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will be interested to learn that we have purchased a thousand copies of "Masters of Deceit" and are spreading them around in strategic places. Who knows this book may be the means of awakening the American people in time to forestall the coming Communist try for power seizure in this country.

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Dr. [redacted] said last fall in Wichita that it was her considered opinion that this attempt will be made in the next five years and will be under the guise of one of the already existing political parties.

If I can ever do anything to help the cause in any way please be sure I am at your service.

With best regards, I am

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Sincerely yours,

62-104277-441

FCK/r

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: March 31, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is being set forth regarding the 7-page Central Research memorandum which contained the information that Simon Gerson attended the Lenin School. This memorandum, as you know, was used as documentation for this statement in "Masters of Deceit."

1) This memorandum was used as documentation upon the specific instructions of former Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols. In fact, upon the Lenin School insert, in Mr. Nichols' handwriting appears the notation, "Sullivan's memo attached," indicating that this memorandum was to be used in the documentation. Accordingly, our documenters, following the procedures established by Mr. Nichols, documented to this Central Research memorandum. *But this is not original source*

This memorandum was accepted at face value, as it was prepared at the specific request of a Bureau official for specific use in the book. Never did we have any understanding with Mr. Nichols that we should suspect the accuracy of Central Research information. To receive such a detailed memorandum and then assert that it had to be completely rechecked would have been duplication and a loss of time. Mr. Nichols and our documenters received it in full expectation that it was accurate. As shall be described below, this was exactly the same procedure as was followed in documenting Don Whitehead's "The FBI Story."

2) A further clue to Mr. Nichols' idea that such a Central Research memorandum should be used as documentation can be seen in a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated September 25, 1957 (62-104277-14). This memorandum enclosed a brief insert written by Mr. Nichols for Part I of the book, dealing with Communist Party membership statistics. Mr. Nichols himself documented the insert and two of his documentation notes read as follows:

"4e. Compilation prepared by Central Research.

"4f. Compilation prepared by Central Research."

Both of these documentation notes refer specifically to material prepared by the Central Research Section. This material is exactly similar in nature to the 7-page Lenin School memorandum. Hence, to Mr. Nichols' mind the material prepared by

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*Not the point - Mr. Nichols requested all services (not information per se) be checked against original was*  
 CENTRAL RESEARCH  
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*Requested by Mr. Nichols*

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*MP*

*62-104277-442*

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(Jones to Nease Memo)

Central Research Section should be used as documentation.

3) In the memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated 3-27-58, the 7-page Central Research Section memorandum is described as being a "rough draft." It was rough draft in the sense of not being on regular memorandum paper or routed through channels, but it was not rough draft in the sense that it could be considered as being inaccurate, incomplete or unverified. Why prepare a memorandum for a Bureau official if reservations are maintained as to the accuracy of the information contained therein? As stated above, Mr. Nichols and our documenters considered this memorandum as valid for documentation. It is to be noted that the Central Research memoranda documented by Mr. Nichols personally, mentioned above in #2, were of the same so-called rough draft type as the Lenin School memorandum.

4) The Simon Gerson item was documented by two Special Agents; one, an Agent of Crime Records, the other an Agent of the Domestic Intelligence Division. In each instance these agents, following Mr. Nichols' instructions, used the Central Research Lenin School memorandum as basic source material. They had no reason to doubt its accuracy.

5) Two Special Agents of the Domestic Intelligence Division, at the request of Mr. Nichols, rechecked the text and sources used in the book. Both of these Special Agents state that in their review, at Mr. Nichols' specific instructions, they used the sources indicated in the original documentation, which included Central Research material, as basic sources. They did not go behind these items unless they felt there was need for further checking to see if the facts as set forth conveyed the precise meaning desired, etc. This was also the understanding of Crime Records personnel. \*

6) The policy of using material prepared by the Central Research Section as basic documentation sources in "Masters of Deceit" was likewise the policy used in documenting Don Whitehead's "The FBI Story." As you will recall, Mr. Nichols requested various divisions of the Bureau, including the Central Research Section, to prepare research material for Mr. Whitehead's use. Most of the research was submitted to Mr. Nichols in so-called "informal" or "rough draft" form, that is, not on the standard memorandum form and not routed through channels. However, this did not mean that this material was not to be regarded as accurate. This data was prepared on specific request of a Bureau official for specific use in "The FBI Story." Hence, it was considered as basic source material and used as documentation. Mr. Nichols constantly emphasized to all those performing research functions the absolute necessity for accuracy in all material given to him for Mr. Whitehead's use. This was true of all material, whether it be a routing slip, an informal memorandum or any other type of data.

To expect the documenting Agents to re-research such material would indeed be a duplication of effort. In the interests of getting the Whitehead book finished, it was absolutely necessary to stop somewhere - and that was on the level of the basic research.

RECOMMENDATION:

None, for information.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/7/58

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-0)

SUBJECT:

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Clayton	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Miami, Florida, who has publicized Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," furnished Miami Office the enclosed leaflet received by him in plain envelope postmarked Miami, April 2, 1958, addressed to him in ink longhand. The pamphlet is also an attack on the B'nai B'rith.

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1 - Miami

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*No action rec - Miami office  
was requested by Bufile 4-9-58  
to determine, if possible, the  
origin of the publication, the  
author of the Bureau  
advised that 4-23-58  
no further action  
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JOE J. THOMASON  
REGISTERED ENGINEER  
1894 CENTRAL AVENUE  
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

8 Apr '58

copy

1 Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hesitate to write this letter, because I know you are too busy to read it, however the urge is too strong to resist, and I hope you will pardon this intrusion upon your time.

Masters of Deceit

I can't tell you how much I appreciate receiving your autographed book "Masters of Deceit" - which came yesterday. I read it through last night. (got very little sleep)

I wish it were possible for me to place this book in every Public School and Library in this country. I also wish it were possible for all of our people to read and understand what it means. People both here and elsewhere. Most of us still ~~would not realize~~ just what Communism means. I did not fully ~~understand~~ myself. I think I know now. There was something concrete that I could do about it. It frightens me.

I am a legally trained Engineer, a member of the leading Engineering Societies, my father was a Judge, and my son is a practicing Attorney here. I retired after

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30 years with Westinghouse and 5 years  
as a consultant, I have been many  
places and seen many things, which I  
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like most of us, without too much concern,  
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clear. I am going to order several more  
copies that I will give to friends. That  
is the best I can do.

Your book is one of my personal  
possessions, I will keep it and pass it  
along. Thank you again.

Most sincerely  
J. J. Thomson

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~~J. J. Thomason~~  
Joe J. Thomason  
Registered Engineer  
1894 Central Avenue  
Memphis 4, Tennessee

8. Apr. ' 58

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

*[Handwritten signatures and initials over the routing slip]*

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Your book is one of my prized possessions. I will keep it and pass it along. Thank you again.

Most sincerely,

/s/ J.J. Thomason

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April 11, 1958

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Commander Gordon N. Lantz, USNR (Retired)  
1575 26th Avenue  
San Francisco 22, California

Dear Commander Lantz:

Your kind letter of April 3, 1958, has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," and for your expression of confidence.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

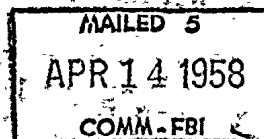
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

1575 26th Avenue,  
San Francisco, 22, Calif.

April 3 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Justice Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please let me commend you on your wonderful  
book "MASTERS OF DECEIT".

I only wish that every American citizen could  
read this expose of the Communist Party. I wonder how many  
of our misguided citizens who are working for this deceitful  
organization realize that they would be the first to be  
liquidated in the ghastly event the Soviets were ever able to  
gain control. Their usefulness would be shortly terminated as  
Soviet representatives arrived.

Your devotion to duty has been unexcelled in  
modern political history.

Gratefully,

*Gordon N. Lantz* NR  
Gordon N. Lantz,  
Comdr. USNR (Ret).

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 2, 1958

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

There is enclosed herewith photostatic copy of an act introduced into the Massachusetts Legislature by Representative EDMUND J. DONLAN, an attorney with offices at 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, residence 176 Park Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Representative DONLAN is known to the Boston Division as one who has consistently demonstrated an anti-Communist attitude with respect to legislative matters and has always commended the Director and the Bureau for its work.

This legislation, as it was introduced after the date set for such matters, must receive unanimous consent of the House of Representatives and the Senate prior to its consideration by a legislative committee.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the action taken with respect to this matter.

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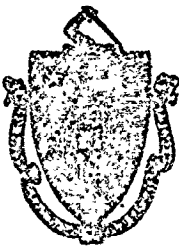
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no action deemed appropriate  
one way or another similar way  
action should be misinterpreted  
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CRIMINAL DIV.



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY- EIGHT.

**AN ACT** requiring that the curriculum of certain courses in public high schools include text of J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit."

*Be It enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

## SECTION 1.

after  
G.L. chapter 71 is hereby amended by adding/section two as most recently amended, the following section:

Section 2A. The curriculum in all public high schools relating to United States history, government and civics shall require the reading of J. Edgar Hoover's book on Communism, entitled "Masters of Deceit."

62-104272-44/7

NOTE.— Use ONE side of paper ONLY. Insert additional leaves, if necessary. Dates and numbers (except the section numbers of this bill) should be written in words.

## Urges Hoover's Book In Schools

High schools throughout the state should be required to include J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" in their list of required reading, a state representative said today.

Rep. Edmund J. Donlan (D-West Roxbury) filed legislation today requiring the book to be used particularly in history, government and civics courses.

The FBI chief's latest work describes the manner in which the Communists operate in the U. S. and tells how to fight them.

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Boston Traveler x  
Boston Herald  
Boston Globe  
Boston American  
Boston Record  
Christian Science Monitor

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April 14, 1958

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EX-135

Bill Buckley

Mr. William E. Buckley  
Vice President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Bill:

In accordance with your letter of April 9, 1958, with enclosure, Mr. Hoover has autographed a copy of "Masters of Deceit" to Mrs. [redacted] of Texas. The book is being sent to her today with Mr. [redacted] card as you requested.

It is not necessary for you to bother with a replacement for this book.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Clyde A. Tolson  
Associate Director

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
 17, N. Y.

Henry Holt and Company, Inc. . PUBLISHERS

383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK

VICE PRESIDENT

April 9, 1958

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Room 5744  
 Department of Justice Building  
 Washington 25, D.C.

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 b7C

Dear Clyde:

It would be greatly appreciated if you would have Mr. Hoover  
 autograph a copy of MASTERS OF DECEIT to a Mrs. [redacted]

Also, it would be appreciated if you could possibly send this  
 book with the enclosed card to Mrs. [redacted] in Armstrong, Texas.  
 Mrs. [redacted] is a member of the King Ranch family.

I will send you a copy of the book to replace the one you are  
 sending out.

*not necessary*

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William E. Buckley

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 Enclosure

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April 11, 1958

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EX-135

Miss [redacted]  
International Harvester Company  
180 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg, President of Henry Holt and Company, Inc., has sent me a copy of your letter to him of April 4 in which you commented so favorably about my book, "Masters of Deceit," and I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your wholehearted support of the book.

In view of your interest, it has been a pleasure to autograph a copy of my book to you. It is coming to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

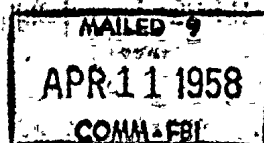
✓  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bureau files reflect no information identifiable with Miss [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Holt and Company, Inc. · PUBLISHERS

383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 8, 1958

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I very much appreciate your sending me the newspaper clippings, etc., of reviews and so forth on our book. In Holt's some ninety years of publishing, we are sure there never has been another book that has received such publicity and acclaim. It is a fitting tribute to a really great man. As I have said before, and shall say forever more, we sure are proud to be the publisher.

The attached copy of a letter is the kind of thing we sure like to see. Will you please pass it along to Edgar?

Kindest regards,

Edgar T. Rigg

Edgar Rigg

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# INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY

180 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE • CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
• PUBLIC RELATIONS

April 4, 1958

President  
Henry Holt Publishing Company  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

This letter is merely an expression of appreciation for your great book, "Masters of Deceit", by J. Edgar Hoover. I hope you will sell a million copies! And, I'm doing my best to promote the sale.

In my work for my good company, I have an opportunity to speak throughout the U.S.A. to many organizations--mainly women's groups (state conventions and other large groups). In April, ten such meetings are on my schedule--in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana - one talk in St. Louis.

As I have done since I read "Masters of Deceit" in early March, I shall open my talk with the suggestion that everyone in the audience get the book, read it, and see to it that at least five other people read that copy. The "lending idea" may not be good "sales copy", but the book should make all of us more keenly aware of our duties and obligations as citizens.

My thanks to Henry Holt.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

MJH:es

Jones. If Miss  
[Redacted] is OK on  
check of files  
send her an  
autographed  
copy of book

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HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC. • Publishers

383 MADISON AVENUE . . . NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 8, 1958

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Miss [redacted]  
International Harvester Company  
180 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Miss [redacted]

I want you to know how very much we appreciate your letter of April 4th. As Mr. Hoover has endeavored in writing his book, and as we are attempting to do in every way possible as his publisher, you are making a wonderful contribution toward alerting our people toward the evils of communism.

I have taken the liberty of sending your letter along to Mr. Hoover.

Most sincerely,

Edgar T. Rigg

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April 11, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
67 Park Avenue  
Babylon, New York

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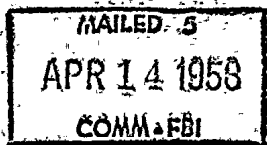
Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your thoughtful note of April 8 extending  
congratulations on my book, "Masters of Deceit," is deeply  
appreciated, and I am grateful for your remarks.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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MAIL ROOM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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67, Park Avenue,  
 Babylon, Long Island, New York,  
 8/th April, 1958.

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Dear J. Edgar,

My congratulations on one of the finest books of this century. It is not merely some documentary report, but one of the most interesting and well-written books I have ever come across. Keep writing--please.

[Redacted]

Bureau files reflect limited cordial correspondence with [redacted] in which he has commended the work of the FBI. He sent the Director an Easter greeting in 1956.

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April 10, 1958

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Honorable George D. Neilson  
Judge  
The Municipal Court for the  
District of Columbia  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

It was certainly most thoughtful of you to write  
as you did on April 7, 1958, and to forward the March 30, 1958,  
issue of "The Herald Journal." Coming from a devoted public  
servant such as you, your generous remarks are doubly  
appreciated.



Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Salt Lake City

NOTE: Letter of same date being sent Mr. Ray Nelson, Editor,  
The Herald Journal, Logan, Utah.

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THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CHAMBERS OF JUDGE GEORGE D. NEILSON

April 7, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

My dear Friend:

In reading my home town paper, "The Herald Journal", I was very pleased to see several very fine references to you and your latest book "Master of Deceit", along with a very fine and inspiring picture of yourself.

I take this occasion to commend you most highly for your great public service in taking the time to write such a timely and vitally important work. All of our people owe you a deep debt of gratitude for this and other contributions you have made over the years to strengthen our beloved country and its institutions.

I am also happy that the paper of my home town of Logan, Utah, which gave to the great F.B.I. our dearly departed friend and special agent, Mr. Sam Cowley, has the privilege of printing your book in installments. I shall avail myself of the opportunity of reading your words of wisdom and advice.

Thinking perhaps you would care to take a look at the issue of "The Herald Journal" to which I refer, I am enclosing the copy herewith. You will find "Master of Deceit" mentioned not only on the front page but also on the editorial page and on page 3.

Again, let me tell you how much I personally admire your record of achievement and wishing you continued good health, happiness, and success in the future, I am

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

George D. Neilson

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April 14, 1958

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Mrs. [redacted]  
748 Northeast Avenue  
Tallmadge, Ohio

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of April 7, 1958, has been received and I do appreciate your kind comments concerning my new book, "Masters of Deceit."

It is my sincere hope that this book will be of assistance to the American people in the fight against communism. We face a determined and evil enemy. Our best offense is an informed citizenry ready to stand up for our democratic ideals.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

COMM-FBI

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NOTE: Mrs. [redacted] seems to feel there is a "strange conspiracy" because she has been unable to date to secure copy of "Masters of Deceit" at her local library. 63-0-1092 reflects previous cordial correspondence with Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

748 Northeast Avenue  
Tallmadge, Ohio  
April 7, 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations upon the publication of your book, "Masters of Deceit". According to the Brooklyn Tablet, Archbishop Cushing has ordered several thousand copies for distribution throughout his diocese. This is wonderful. I wish all the bishops would do likewise.

For the past three weeks I have been trying to get a copy of your book, and of Mr. Morris' "Why We Are Losing" from our local libraries, but have been unsuccessful. At first the Main Branch told me it was on order and when it arrived would be placed in the Labor and Business Department. Why it would repose here instead of in the general circulation department is still beyond me. Next I placed a request for it in the East Akron Branch Library and there I was told they would request it from Main Branch. Today I am told it is still on order at Main Branch, but that Mr. Morris' book is not on order and there is no likelihood that it will be ordered.

This is not the first time I have have a struggle to get a book exposing the Communist Conspiracy from our libraries. I hope when I finally get to read your book that you will have recorded in it some explanation of the strange conspiracy seeming to exist in our nation's public libraries, financed with our taxes.

May God bless you Mr. Hoover, and may you continue your gruelling work for many more years. It's certainly a thankless job, and so many Americans don't even seem interested, but God knows the extent of your struggle and He is keeping the score.

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Sincerely,

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WORLD FAMOUS director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, is author of the great book, "Masters of Deceit," which will be published serially by The Herald Journal.

HIS WARNING ---

# H. J. To Publish FBI Chief's Book

"Masters of Deceit," J. Edgar Hoover's gripping and at times almost incredible story of the subterranean activities of Communist Party members in this country, will run serially in the Herald Journal starting Sunday, April 13, another excellent feature of this paper which over the years has kept its readers abreast of the times with the best reporting of the local and national scene.

The Herald Journal is the first paper in Utah to acquire the serialized rights to publish Mr. Hoover's book. Twenty-eight daily installments will appear to present the complete work.

"Masters of Deceit" tells how a Communist cell is formed, how a Communist meeting is held, how a top Communist Party official lives, what goes on in the Communist underground, how the Party functions as a state within a state with its own "laws" and "courts," why people become Communists and why they break away, Communist techniques of espionage and sabotage, and hundreds of incidents and anecdotes to illustrate how the Communists live and think, what their aims are, how they are carrying out those aims every day.

Mr. Hoover states, "Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world—that is why I have written this book."

## Future Farmers Present 1958 Citations For Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An 18-year-old Spanish Fork youth, John Creer, yesterday was named Star State Farmer of the Year by the U. S. Farmers

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THE HERALD JOURNAL  
LOGAN, UTAH  
March 30, 1958

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## The Herald Journal

*One Of The Most Significant  
Books Of The Century --*

### **MASTERS OF DECEIT**

**J. EDGAR HOOVER's own story:**  
Communism in America Today  
and How to Fight It



Through special arrangement with the publishers of this outstanding new book, The Herald Journal will bring "Masters of Deceit" to you in serial form beginning April 13 and continuing daily for 28 installments

#### **Don't Miss An Issue ---**

You will want to follow each day's part of this book and then save it for a permanent record. Make sure you have your own copy.

**MASTERS OF DECEIT** Is Mr. Hoover's First Book In 20 Years.  
It Tells a Story of Great Importance to United States Citizens,  
A Story That Could Not Come From Any Other Source.

Only J. EDGAR HOOVER could reveal exactly:

- ① How a communist cell is formed
- ② How a communist meeting is held
- ③ What goes on in the communist underground
- ④ How communist discipline is enforced
- ⑤ Communist techniques of espionage and sabotage

Watch For It Starting Sunday, April 13, In

## The Herald Journal

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April 11, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
Volunteer Secretary  
Chamber of Commerce  
Pierce City, Missouri

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of April 7, 1958, with enclosure, has been received and I do appreciate your kind remarks concerning my new book, "Masters of Deceit."

It is my sincere hope that this book will assist the American people in fighting the communist enemy. It is only through a united effort by our citizenry that communism can be defeated. By furnishing copies of "Masters of Deceit" to libraries in this country, the Dorothy H. and Lewis Rosenstiel Foundation is making a valuable contribution to our national security.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Shedd enclosed copy/a letter of thanks to Rosenstiel Foundation for having sent copy of "Masters of Deceit" to his local library. Bufiles reflect previous cordial correspondence with [redacted] in 1938 and 1942.

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# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PIERCE CITY, MISSOURI

4-7-58

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
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Miss Gandy	

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Mr J Egdar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover-

Thank you for writing the book

MASTERS OF DECEIT- published by Henry Holt Co, of  
New York.

You will note by the attached that I have expressed appreciation to the Dorothy H and Lewis Rosenstiel Foundation, for their gift of this excellent document to our local library.

Having been a Y M C A secretary all my professional career, and then after retirement a business executive/a large church in Cleveland Ohio, (The Church of the Covenant-Presbyterian) for another 5 and a half years. I feel that this is the sort of a study book that religious leaders should read with great care.

Ten of those years I was on loan to the Y M C A of China, and I saw the rise of the Communist power in that country, and in the USA experienced some of the pressures that they put upon us to endorse or lend our names or cooperate with some of their propaganda.

We congratulate you on the challenging chapters, and your fine expression of Christian faith and hope you have given us in the last part of the book. I only hope that READERS DIGEST will select your masterpiece as one to publish in a forthcoming issue of the magazine. Not that it should be condensed, but the tremendous opportunity of volume readership would be of tremendous help in getting the story across.

Also if Dave Garroway on NBC TODAY could be persuaded to interview you, either in New York, or at your Washington office, in reference to this book, it would be a good follow-up of this special program they are putting on this week on the problems of juvenile crime and parent delinquency.

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Gratefully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

volunteer secretary

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PIERCE CITY MISSOURI

1-7-58

The Dorothy H and Lewis Rosenstiel Foundation,  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York 1 N Y.

Dear Friends-

Having just completed the book, " Masters of Deceit " by J Edgar Hoover, I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for making this available to our Public Library.

It is a great document that should be read by Community leaders in School, church, synagogue, political office, and parents and others who should be concerned about the democratic and free system of life.

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This book should be a MUST on the reading lists of high school upper class men and college students.

It would be an excellent thing, if you could arrange it, to secure the cooperation of the READER'S DIGEST and get them to use this in a summary form in some monthly issue. This would provide a much wider reading public.

Gratefully yours,

  
Volunteer secretary

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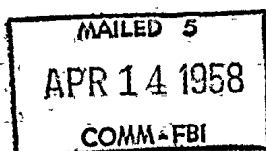
Mr. [REDACTED]  
Secretary  
Lebanon Steel Foundry  
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 9, 1958, and certainly appreciate the interest you have expressed in "Masters of Deceit." Your generous comments concerning my administration of this Bureau are also most encouraging.

In connection with your request that an FBI agent participate in a television program concerning my book, I wanted you to know that for obvious reasons I have not permitted any representatives of this Bureau to appear in behalf of my book. I am sure you can understand my position in this regard.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: No record of previous correspondence with Mr. [REDACTED]. Correspondent is possibly referring to SA [REDACTED] who was an approved Bureau speaker assigned to the Philadelphia Office prior to his transfer to Milwaukee on 4/15/57. Inasmuch as we are not positive of this, it is felt that no comment should be made concerning [REDACTED].

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LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA

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TREASURER

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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

April 9, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

*Jo [unclear] [unclear]*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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We are very much impressed by your new book, and we should like to feature the book in a monthly half hour television program sponsored by the Lebanon Community Library.

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We shall appreciate your advising how we should proceed to request an F.B.I. Agent to participate in this television program on Friday, May 23, 1958.

An F.B.I. Agent named [redacted] in your Philadelphia office made a fine impression in this area in several appearances in recent years, but we understand that Mr. [redacted] is no longer in your Philadelphia office. *ah*

We certainly commend you for the outstanding work you are doing and thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature box]

Secretary

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April 15, 1958

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62-104277-455

Mr. [redacted]  
Public Relations Administrator  
The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of April 9, 1958, with enclosures,  
has been received, and I do appreciate your desire to quote  
from my new book, "Masters of Deceit," for your publication  
X "Cliffs News."

It is indeed a pleasure to grant permission for  
you to reprint the paragraphs you have indicated. I have taken  
the liberty of contacting Henry Holt and Company to secure its  
permission also. I would suggest that the last sentence of your  
acknowledgement include the words "and Henry Holt and Company."

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See Jones to Nease memo dated 4-15-58 captioned [redacted]  
Correspondent is not on Special Correspondent's List.

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# The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company

(Offices 14<sup>th</sup> Floor) Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

E. L. KIRKWOOD  
PUBLIC RELATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

April 9, 1958

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

## PERSONAL

Director J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

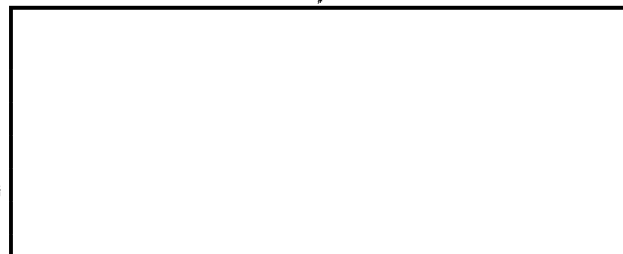
The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company is one of the oldest iron mining companies in the United States. The company operates iron ore mines in Minnesota and Michigan. One of its public relations activities is the publication of an internal or house magazine. This has a circulation of about 6,500. To give you a cross-section, several issues are enclosed.

In most issues we have quoted from the comments of national leaders, possibly relating to Americanism, economics or so forth, on an occasion a United States Senator or a head of industry. In the February, 1958 issue, alluding to the danger of inflation, we quoted the statements of His Excellency, President Eisenhower. May we have your permission to excerpt from your last book on communism, "Masters of Deceit"? Attached is a layout page from the magazine showing the way it would appear if we have your consent to use this information.

For publication, unfortunately, we have a very limited budget and much as we would like to we are unable to pay royalty.

Awaiting your decision; best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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Memorandum to Mr. Hoover  
from E. L. Kirkwood

April 14, 1958

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Mr.   
1325 Windsor Avenue  
Bristol, Tennessee

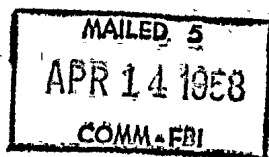
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: File 105-54509-95 reflects communication dated 12-27-56 from correspondent complaining that Hungarian communists were entering United States, and that various fires and strikes were communist inspired.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Holloman ☐  
Miss Holmes ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

1325 WINDSOR AVENUE  
BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

April 7th, 1958:

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a great service to this United States, I would heartily recommend that either yourself, or one of your well-versed Agents, appear on the \$64,000 (or similar) T-V Program, under the heading "COMMUNISM".

As another "must" suggestion, I would recommend that our Government make it mandatory for every school classroom in our country to become acquainted with the facts as outlined in your book "MASTERS OF DECEIT".

Steps in this direction should certainly be appreciated by every red-blooded AMERICAN.

Sincerely yours:

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Copy to J. Edgar Hoover, Dept. of Justice

No reference located in Bureau  
files identifiable with  
[redacted] of Boston, Mass.

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Box 826, Boston 3

Massachusetts

April 9, 1958

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Miss Gandy	_____

Hon. Ralph Flanders

Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Flanders,

I have lately seen advertisements in the press of a book allegedly written by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I., in which Hoover is said to express concern over the 'menace' to our 'freedom' that resides in the tawdry remnants of the Communist Party in America. Is the Department of Justice interested only in weak, ineffectual and disorganized conspiracies to violate law?

I call to your attention a meeting held earlier this week in Philadelphia by a group known as the ~~National~~ Catholic Education Association. According to a report published in the NEW YORK TIMES of above date, a 'keynote' speech made by one Joseph Timmelly, described as 'dean and professor of St. John's University Law School,' openly and brazenly advocated a conspiracy to violate the laws of this country which forbid state and federal support of religious institutions.

I do not think the U. S. A. can any longer afford to maintain a huge secret police force for the purpose of providing

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literary and self-promotional material for J. Edgar Hoover.

I suggest that Hoover has outlived his usefulness to our government. There is little sense in shadowing fuzzy-minded screwballs with no claim to popular influence, in the name of law enforcement, when self-styled 'education associations' numbering into the ten thousands are allowed to teach violation of this nation's basic laws without rebuke or hindrance.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 3, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT:

MASTERS OF DECEIT

We had previously made arrangements through [ ] for [ ] to come to the Bureau tomorrow, Friday, April 4, to discuss some ideas which would assist various entertainers on radio and television in helping to promote the Director's book.

[ ] advised Mr. McGuire today that he found he just could not come down tomorrow, 4-4-58, but will be in Washington next Monday, 4-7-58. He was told we would be glad to see him then. [ ] wondered if we had any film available which could be used in publicizing the book and in dramatizing it and he was advised we had nothing like this. He wondered also if any pictures of the building or any other material such as would fit in with the book could be utilized or whether we had anyone available who could appear on a program to discuss the book. [ ] was told that we could not do this but if there was any written material such as short paragraphs describing the contents of the book which we could help on, we would be more than glad to do so. [ ] advised that he was jotting down some ideas which various entertainers had asked him to inquire into in order to find a medium whereby they could work out some complimentary statement regarding the book. He was told we would be glad to go into this with him on Monday.

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See up on this.

H.M.

cc-Mr. Tamm  
cc-Mr. Jones (Mr. Stukenbroeker)  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 7, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT:

MASTERS OF DECEIT

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For record purposes, Mr. [ ] came to the Bureau this morning in connection with the project [ ] set up for getting some help from entertainers known to [ ] in promoting the Director's book. Mr. [ ] saw Mr. McGuire at which time he advised he was encountering some difficulty in settling on a means by which television and radio personalities could point up the Director's book and possibly dramatize it somehow in order to fit in a favorable promotional plug for the book. Mr. [ ] was advised that the Director appreciated the desire of Mr. [ ] and himself to aid in promoting the book but the Director just would not be able to make any personal appearances or be available for interview. [ ] stated he understood this; that [ ] had asked for an interview and the Director declined. [ ] stated he handles Mrs. [ ] program.

[ ] then asked if there were any film footages which could be utilized and was advised that we had nothing like this whatsoever, nor was there any photographic material which would fit the book, that we frankly felt anything done would have to be on an entirely highly dignified plane. b6 b7C

[ ] stated that [ ] had given a very favorable plug for the Director's book on his program Saturday, April 5, as a result of the contact [ ] had made and the furnishing of a book which he had received from the Bureau to [ ] advised he was obtaining a transcript of what [ ] said and would give it to us. As soon as it is received, we will have a note prepared to [ ] h5A ah

[ ] also advised that [ ] was trying to figure out some way of mentioning the book at the end of one of his shows if it could be fitted in.

[ ] inquired as to whether we had any brief descriptions of the book's contents we could furnish him. Mr. McGuire advised him that we anticipated this and furnished him five short paragraphs as suggested material

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

April 7, 1958

which [ ] thought he could use. A copy of the material given [ ] is attached. This is the only data given to [ ] and it has the effect of definitely slowing down any promotional work which [ ] might do.

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He did advise that one of the unsigned copies of the book given to him by the Bureau was being furnished to ~~Dave~~ Garroway and that Garroway would do a favorable review of the book on his program; however, he does not know the date when this will occur and advised that he would inform the Bureau as soon as he learned when Garroway would do this. N.Y.

Take a tip from me and read J. Edgar Hoover's new book, "Masters of Deceit." Here, in simple language, you'll find the whole story of communism in America. And it's from the pen of our Nation's leading authority on how to fight subversion.

62-154277-429

ENCLOSURE

I know many times you have wondered just what communism is - and how it affects you. Well, I've got some good news. If you'll read J. Edgar Hoover's new book, "Masters of Deceit" you'll get the true story of these communist termites in America. The FBI chief tells who these communists are and what you can do to help America stay free. Don't miss it.

62-104277-459

ENCLOSURE

There's nothing like a good book to read, and in "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover you'll find an answer to one of our great problems of today, communism. Mr. Hoover's book is very readable and it has a wealth of information. You won't want to miss it.

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ENCLOSURE



Here's something I know you will want to read - a book by J. Edgar Hoover, head of our famed FBI. Mr. Hoover has just written a book entitled "Masters of Deceit." It's at your bookstore. Here you'll learn about Soviet espionage, how the Communist Party is working in America today to deprive you of your liberties.

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ENCLOSURE

You have a stake in America's freedom - and if you read the new book by FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover you'll know what your duties of citizenship are. "Masters of Deceit" is the name of this new book and its available at your book dealer. It's the story of communism in America - but more important it sets out what you as a citizen can do to fight it.

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Mrs. [redacted]  
27 Grandview Drive  
Mount Kisco, New York

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of April 4, 1958, has been received and I do appreciate your very kind remarks concerning my new book, "Masters of Deceit."

It is my sincere hope that many young people will read the book. They, as well as the adults of America, should recognize the danger of communism. All too often, young boys and girls are recruited by the Communist Party. A vigilant youth can do much to defeat this enemy.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

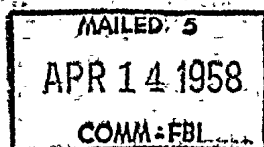
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Apr. 4, 1958.

MRS

27 GRANDVIEW DRIVE

MT. KISCO, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I just had to write you and tell you that I have just finished reading your wonderful book.

There should be some way provided that the teenagers of our Era should be made to read & understand the message you put forth in "Masters of Deceit". Could you not, in some way, write a more simplified teenage version. A lot of our teenage problems could be solved that way. Your very clear understanding of Communism & your prominent personality might make a percentage of our young.

ack 4-14-58  
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people sit up & take notice.  
Many times I thank God  
that we have a man such  
as you at the Helm. I  
pray that when the good  
Lord feels that when your  
time comes that there will  
be another as capable as  
you to carry on, but in  
the meantime, may the good  
Lord preserve you through  
our now, most difficult times,  
& preserve you for a long  
time to come.

Your book has alerted  
me to many things I was  
blind to before & I know I  
shall be looking for these  
things in the people I contact  
from now on.

Hope you will forgive  
my taking up of your important  
time, but just had to say  
Thank you, Mr. [redacted]  
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Date 4/8/58

To

☒ Director

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ACTION DESIRED

<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare lead cards
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bring file	<input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials
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<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> Return file
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<input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Search and return
<input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent	<input type="checkbox"/> See me
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<input type="checkbox"/> File	to .....
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SAC J. POWERS

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 Mr. Clayton ☒  
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No derogatory info in NY  
 files re writer of letter.

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April 4, 1958

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Your book has alerted me to many things I was blind to before & I know I shall be looking for these things in the people I contact from now on.

Hope you will forgive my taking up of your important time, but just had to say Thank you, Mr. Hoover.

/s/ (Mrs [REDACTED])

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Mrs. [redacted]  
Box 67  
Keller, Virginia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of April 7, 1958, has been received and I do appreciate your kind comments concerning my new book, "Masters of Deceit."

As you say, communism is "truly a wolf in sheep's clothing." It is an enemy which would destroy our American form of government. Only by an informed citizenry, aware of this atheistic danger, can communism be defeated.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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APR 14 1958  
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NOTE: No identifiable data in Bufiles re correspondent. The Mrs. [redacted] mentioned in letter is Mrs. [redacted] who is on Special Correspondents List. An autographed copy was sent Mrs. [redacted] on 2-13-58.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover ✓  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The pleasure of a visit, with  
my life long friend (and cousin).

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enhanced by reading your gift to her of "Masters of  
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I live in a small country village on the Eastern Shore  
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in this world of ours today, rather than live in a  
world that no longer exists. Your book answered so  
many questions about this sinister thing called  
"Communism," truly a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Possibly I should not say this, but, after I finished  
the book, I read the "Glossary," and was so pleased  
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slowly, I had really absorbed the meaning of the several  
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and liked what you have said in deals(?), and now  
I shall do my best in my small way to fight our real  
enemy, communism, and to get others to read  
"Masters of Deceit."

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]

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Miss Gandy

Box 67  
KELLER, VA

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APR 9 1958

Keller, Accomack County,

Virginia

April 7, 1958

The Honorable J. Edgar  
Hoover, Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Nease

April 14, 1958

M. A. Jones

**SIMON GERSON'S CRITICISM OF THE  
DIRECTOR'S BOOK, "MASTERS OF DECEIT,"  
WHICH APPEARS IN "THE WORKER"  
APRIL 13, 1958.**

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Sizoo to Mr. Belmont dated April 11, 1958, which sets forth the Gerson review of the Director's book.

It was noted in referenced memorandum that a check would be made into Gerson's criticism of that portion of the Director's book relating to communist candidates for public office.

Gerson's Criticism:

"Hoover writes: 'Never has the Party, running under its own name, been able to secure many votes. In instances where Party candidates have run under their own colors, their defeats have almost invariably been disastrous \*\*\*\*. In instances, however, where the Party has maneuvered political alliances, it has achieved more successes, as shown by the election of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Peter Cacchione, both well-known communists, to the City Council of New York in the '40's.'

"The above is trickily false. Davis and Cacchione received 'many votes,' running near the top of the list in the Councilman elections - UNDER THE NAME OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. While the communists were part of a formal coalition movement both candidates ran clearly as communists and on communist programs. Reference to the Board of Elections reports and newspaper files of the period could have easily established the truth."

The full statement referred to by Gerson appears on pages 239-240 in "Masters of Deceit" as follows:

"A favorite field for communist fronts in the election campaign for public office. Running communist candidates for city, council, mayor, governor, even for the presidency of the United States, is an old Party habit. Never has the Party, running under its own name, been able to secure many votes. In instances

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

DATE: April 14, 1958

FROM : W. T. Whaley WTW

SUBJECT:

"MASTERS OF DECEIT"  
REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

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Mr. John Phillips, a former Bureau Agent, and now Security Control Officer, Department of Commerce, advised the writer that he would like to send a copy of the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" to his former boss at Commerce, Mr. Neuman Smith. Mr. Smith is now retired and living in Montgomery, Alabama. Phillips stated that he would certainly appreciate the Director's autographing a copy of his book to Mr. Smith. Phillips said that during Smith's tenure at Commerce, he was a great friend of the Bureau and an admirer of the Director, and Phillips knows that Smith would certainly appreciate a copy of the book, but would definitely be very happy with the Director's signature.

Bufiles reflect numerous favorable references to Mr. Smith during his tenure at Commerce.

ACTION:

This memorandum should be routed to Supervisor Malmfeldt of the Crime Records Section.

- 1 - Mr. G. E. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. W. T. Whaley

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FX-128 Mrs. [REDACTED]  
2320 Leu Road  
Orlando, Florida

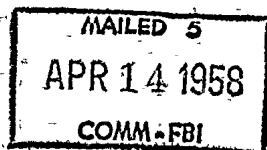
Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 9, 1958, with enclosure, and certainly appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

Your understanding of the reference made to the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in "Masters of Deceit" is encouraging, and I assure you it was used merely as a source of data reported. This reference, of course, does not imply either endorsement or lack of endorsement of the organization mentioned.

In connection with your request for material which would aid you in combating subversive organizations, I thought you might like to know that you can obtain a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," which is published by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives, from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for thirty-five cents.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: See Jones to Nease memo 4/14/58, FBS:grs, re Newspaper Clipping Appearing in the Orlando, Florida, Sentinel, April 9, 1958.

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Mrs. [redacted]  
2320 Leu Road  
Orlando, Florida  
April 9, 1958

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Boardman ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
Mr. Clayton ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The State of Florida has recently been thrown into an uproar over the attempted inclusion of an indorsement of UNESCO in the State Platform. My husband is a district commander for the American Legion so we had some material from that source. I have also read much from other sources and am convinced that the motive and work of UNESCO is very Communistic.

As yet I have not had a chance to read your entire book, "Masters of Deceit". When I read my morning paper it came as quite a shock to read the enclosed clipping which appeared in Letters to the Editor in "The Orlando Morning Sentinel". I obtained a copy of the book and did not read the same meaning into the subject. I feel it is important for you to see this letter--if UNESCO is as Communistic as I think it is, I doubt if you want to be on record as endorsing it.

I feel so helpless when I read of the vast strides that Communism has made in this-country but I am "fighting mad" and willing to do anything to combat this evil. Today I received some material from "Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.". They seem to be doing an excellent job of combating Communism but I have made up my mind not to sign my name to anything unless it has clearance by the F.B.I. Maybe I am being over-cautious but when an organization like the P.T.A. is taken over, it really makes me stop to think.

My husband and I are willing to help in any way so any suggestions or advice on sources of material would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature box]

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### Hoover And UNESCO

Editor: I would like to quote from J. Edgar Hoover's new book, Masters of Deceit.

"The Communist Party's objective is to drive a wedge, however slight, into as many minds as possible. That is why, in every conceivable way, Communists try to poison our thinking about the issues of the day: Social reforms, peace, politics, veterans', women's, and youth problems. The more people they can influence, the stronger they will be."

Our thinking concerning support of the United Nations has certainly been poisoned. The technique is to keep repeating false information, hoping we will undermine the UN and its agencies. They hope we will withdraw from the world and leave it to communism. Do not let them succeed.

On page 168, J. Edgar Hoover quotes from the work of UNESCO. He uses UNESCO as a competent source which is alerting the world to the spread of communistic literature.

When J. Edgar Hoover himself uses UNESCO's findings as competent source material, we all realize that we've been wrongly informed against UNESCO.

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P. O. Box 1296 / CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

8 April, 1958 ✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Fed. Bureau of In.,  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Memorial Library of All Saints'  
greatly appreciates your recent gift of an  
autographed copy of your new book, MASTERS  
OF DECEIT which you sent to us through Miss  
Dolores Crawford. *Calif.*

The continuing interest of our friends  
is making us of increasing use to the people  
of the whole community, and we know your book  
will be of the very greatest interest.

Thank you so very much.

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Sincerely,

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Secretary for the  
Library Committee

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*No ACK necessary  
Book sent per letter to  
Miss Crawford  
4/15/58  
J.L. & J.H.B.*

Portland, Ore  
April 7, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir:

Masters of Deceit

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Have enjoyed reading your article on Stalin and his "Masters of Deceit". The Communist Attack on Judaism I was literally howled over when the commentators defended Hiss and the Rosenbergs. I asked a question associated with a big Jewish firm; "How do we know we're the Jews all over the world?" He said a man had written a book to that effect. I finally located a book written by Rev. Frank Woodruff Johnson. He stated it was the most colossal piece of O. G. P. U. coercive spy propaganda machine in the United States. I lived across from the Welfare Office in South Portland when Jewish children were displaced persons and were brought to the area. This book "The Octopus" was reviewed in the big paper and known to me. I was free for a while but I could say they can't go into a Jewish home without seeing a Communist. I feel I have been misled by the paper.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: April 14, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MRS. [REDACTED]  
PORTLAND, OREGON

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Gandy	_____

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A registered letter dated April 7, 1957, has been received from captioned individual, and it consists of bigoted anti-Semitic remarks in reference to "Masters of Deceit." There is attached a note to the incoming indicating that Bufiles have been checked and no record of correspondent was found. She is not listed in the Portland, Oregon, telephone directory.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the nature of this correspondence, it is recommended that no reply be afforded this individual.

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Honorable John E. Davis  
The Governor of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota

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My dear Governor Davis:

Many thanks for your thoughtful note of April 9 concerning the copy of "Masters of Deceit" which I was happy to autograph to you. Your generous comments and expression of confidence are deeply appreciated.

It is my sincere hope that the book will help alert some complacent Americans to the insidious nature of atheistic communism.

With kind regards,

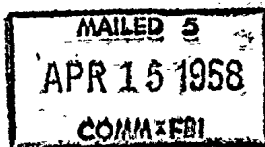
Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: At request of SAC Milnes, Director autographed a copy of "Masters of Deceit" to Governor Davis on 3-31-58.

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State of North Dakota  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Bismarck

John E. Davis  
Governor

April 9, 1958

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Today I had a pleasant surprise. Mr. J. E. Milnes,  
Special Agent in Charge of the Minneapolis Office,  
presented me with an autographed copy of your book,  
"Masters of Deceit".

I have long admired you and your organization and  
appreciate the fine work that you and your men are  
doing. I know I will find your book most enjoyable and  
interesting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John E. Davis

Governor

John E. Davis

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April 15, 1958

Mr.   
4162 Lapeer Road  
Flint, Michigan

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Dear Mr.

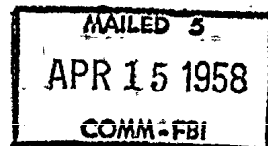
It was very thoughtful of you to send me a  
clipping of your letter to the editor with your note of April 9.  
Your support of my book, "Masters of Deceit," is deeply  
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Files reflect no information to preclude this letter.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 9, 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thought you might like to see the results of my letter to the Editor in the Flint Journal April 7, 1958.

Allow me to extend my praise for a very fine book. My only regret is that I am financially unable to buy one for every school in the city.

Thank you for your, and your organization's contribution to the well being of our country.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_


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# Special Memo

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Metropolitan Insurance Consultant ESTATE PLANNING AND BUSINESS INSURANCE	
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OFFICE: 1214 SOUTH SAGINAW STREET, FLINT 3, MICH. RESIDENCE: 4162 LAPEER ROAD, FLINT, MICH.	

April 9, 1958

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Thank you for your, and your organization's contribution to the well being of our country.

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# Endorses Book

IN OUR DAY, all about us is being waged the greatest ideological war this world has ever seen. The Communists have told us repeatedly, "We will enslave and destroy you, and reshape you into our Godless image." The way they tell it, doesn't sound too bad, until we look at the results of their conquest in other nations: Millions liquidated, other millions in slave labor camps, absolutely no freedom of thought or action. No unions, one cannot strike against the state. Those who have tried have been taught better than to try again.

All of these things have been documented time, and time again. However as Americans, we have an obligation to ourselves, and our Nation to find out the true story of Communism, so that we may know what it is, how it works, the aims, and the real danger it poses for us. One of the finest sources of this information is J. Edgar Hoover's new book, "Masters of Deceit." If you love your Country, and want to be able to spot these traitors for what they are, please read this book.

Every patriotic organization should obtain at least one copy, to circulate among its members; discussions should be held, so that we may know our real enemy, to fight, and make it ineffective. Make everyone realize, that to accept Communism is to jump from the frying pan into the fire of the hell of Communism. Everyone who wants to stay free, read "Masters of Deceit."

  
4162 Lapeer Rd.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 4-10-58

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Miss [redacted] U.S.A. Director of Publicity, Henry Holt and Company, called and spoke to Mr. DeLoach on 4-7-58. She stated the Book of the Month Club desired to use the Director's signature in connection with its forthcoming publicity campaign concerning using "Masters of Deceit" as an alternate selection for the month of July, 1958. Miss [redacted] pointed out that the Book of the Month Club people desired to use the first paragraph in the foreword and the first paragraph on page three of the book. (MARKED)

She stated there was additional phraseology involved but she was not aware at this time of this phraseology. After mentioning this matter to you, Miss [redacted] was advised telephonically that prior to the Director's releasing his signature for purposes of Book of the Month Club advertisement, Miss [redacted] might desire to obtain the full text of the advertisement and advise us. She stated she thought this was sound and she would do it immediately.

Miss [redacted] called in at 4:30 p. m., 4-9-58, and stated that the phraseology in question had now been received. The said phraseology is attached to this memorandum. Review of the phraseology in question reflects no objections to the proposal by the Book of the Month Club. In fact, the planned publicity is very excellent. It is, therefore, recommended that DeLoach call Miss [redacted] back and tell her that Mr. Hoover has no objections to the usage of his signature with the advertisement mentioned.

The publicity in question will lead off with the two paragraphs mentioned above. The Director's signature will be used in connection with these paragraphs and again in connection with the one paragraph which appears first on the attached memorandum. The publicity will appear in the form of a folder which will be sent to the subscribers of the Book of the Month Club. The subscribers may either choose the monthly selection for July, 1958, or the Director's book. The cost to Book of the Month Club Members will be \$4.50.

Quotes by various newspapers, as set forth in the attached memorandum, will also be included in the publicity.

Action: As indicated above.

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cc - Mr. Jones  
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expelled member: "Chalk his home with the slogan 'So-and-so who lives here is a spy.' Let the children boycott his children or child. "

He asks and answers major questions - why men and women of good will are taken in, and why they leave or do not leave the Party. And here you will note the good will in the author himself when he scores those noncommunists who in "inexcusable ignorance, rancor and pride drive back into the Party those who have broken with it. This quality is again apparent, when, asking for cooperation of loyal citizens with the Bureau, he asks for facts, not tale bearing or rumors, and declares emphatically that dissent is not disloyalty. Masters of Deceit is one more good service rendered to his country by this scrupulous man who has served it so well under five Presidents.

(On the right hand side is an editorial plan of the book)

Part 1 - Who is your enemy. Part 2, 3, and 4 as it reads in the front of the book, part 1 through part 8. In addition - comments across the country:

Encyclopedia on communism, which every American would do well to scan. - New York Daily News.

Most important book of the times. - Seattle Post Intelligencer.

Sunday Tribune Magazine of Books - Fascinating book of a highly complicated phenomenon.

Primer for Americans. - San Francisco Chronicle

Sober thoughtful, simply presented handbook - Newsweek

Not to be missed on any account. - Boston Herald

Best primer on communism ever published - New Orleans Times  
and Picayune

Powerful, informative - Washington News.

Literary triumph. - Chicago Tribune

Most imperative book of the decade - Christian Herald.

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An Alternate Because of an Immediate Extraordinary  
Demand from Members

(Following appears in a box)

Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world - and that is why I have written Masters of Deceit. . . Many Americans have not stopped to realize what a Soviet America would mean. The communists, however, have no doubts. Their blueprints are already made. . . Let us look at their dream and see what it would mean to you and me and all the people we know.

J. Edgar Hoover

(Following is from a review in the New York Herald Tribune by John K. Hutchins)

For 39 years, or ever since its founding, the Communist Party of America has regarded John Edgar Hoover with a distaste he must cherish like a well-deserved medal. Masters of Deceit, his calm, documented analysis of American communism, doubtless will enhance a version his old enemies feel for him, and that too should make him happy. Even more satisfying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's long-time Director, of course, would be the assurance that the noncommunist Americans who read it will heed its message. For Mr. Hoover, along with his Bureau, has spent more than half his life keeping an eye on the conspiracy to Sovietize America, is not among those impressed by the Party's decline in recent years. . . .

He cites the categories in which communist thought control prevails: the open Party members, the concealed members, the fellow travelers, the petition-signing dupes. He outlines the day-by-day life of average communists under discipline, the sleazy duties they are called upon to perform, the money that is extracted from them. He examines the "democratic centralism" by which in the hierarchy of the Party, the few tyrannize over the many with a brutality all but incredible. (Instruction in the Party manual for the vilification of an

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Should be in every library and home - Tulsa World.

Miss [ ] then stated the following also would appear:

Alternate for members who wish a work of non-fiction in addition to or in place of the current selection.

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| Indispensable, the most authoritative book ever written on communism in America, particularly valuable now. - Charles Poore, New York Times. Price to members \$4.50; regular retail price \$5.00. Dividend credit given with this purchase.

| They are using a photo of Mr. Hoover which appears on the dust jacket.

She also stated she had received a letter which reads as follows: "If you are able to obtain Mr. Hoover's signature, could you have the FBI send it to us immediately. We are very short on time.

/s/ [ ]  
Book of the Month Club, Inc.  
345 Hudson Street  
New York 14, New York

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 15, 1958

From Walter Winchell.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
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Miss Gandy

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Walter Winchell Says: *to Hoover*

## Hoover's Red Report Is Detective Thriller

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"EVERY LITERATE MAN, woman and child in the United States should read J. Edgar Hoover's book, 'Masters of Deceit,' (published by Henry Holt) . . . Not because it is the greatest detective thriller of the century, but because it is a blueprint on how to defend the moral foundations of our country.

J. Edgar Hoover's services to our nation are among the greatest in history, but he has never performed greater public service than in writing 'Masters of Deceit.' His real-life pin-pointing of the Communist enemy makes the fictional detective tales look like tame nursery stories."



—WALTER WINCHELL HOOVER

Newspaper Serial of Hoover's Book  
Starts Exclusively in Sunday Herald

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (66-58A)

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

DATE: 4/4/58

Copies of the book have been given to:

1. Colonel KEEFE O'KEEFE, Director, OSI, PACAF, Hickam Air Base, Hawaii.
2. Lt. Col. [REDACTED] Commanding Officer, OSI, District Office #6, Tokyo.
3. Colonel JOHN B. STANLEY, Commanding Officer, Army Combined Reconnaissance Activity Pacific, North Camp Drake, Japan.

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Copies are to be given to:

1. Hisato KAWAI, Supt. General, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.
2. Eizo ISHII, Director General, National Police Agency of Japan.
3. Itaru SEKI, Deputy Director, Public Safety Investigation Agency, Japan.
4. Toru FURUYA, Director, Cabinet Research Chamber, Tokyo, Japan.
5. Cdr. [REDACTED] CNI, Yokosuka, Japan.
6. JOSE G. LYKBAN, Acting Director, National Bureau of Investigation, Manila, Philippines.
7. Col. TELESFORO TENORIO, Chief of Police, Manila, P.I.
8. ASA [REDACTED] Regional Security Supervisor, Far East, State Department, American Embassy, Manila, P.I.
9. Col. DEOGRACIAS BALLESERO, G-2, Army of the Philippines.
10. A. C. MAXWELL, Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong, B.C.C.

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12. JAMES B. PILCHER, Consul General,  
American Consulate, Hong Kong, B.C.C.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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J EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HURRAY FOR PUBLICATION "MASTERS OF DECEIT" EVERY

CATHOLIC PRIEST SHOULD SEND YOU CONGRATULATIONS

YOU FIGHT FOR GOD

FATHER [REDACTED] 7 LOCUST ST CARTERET NJER

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Boardman ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
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Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: April 11, 1958

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH *R*SUBJECT: *0* "MASTERS OF DECEIT"  
REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR'S AUTOGRAPH

To: ☒ Tolson  
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☒ Boardman  
☒ Belmont  
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☒ Holloman  
☒ Gandy

APRIL  
 On ~~September~~ 9, 1958, Mr. Joseph *V* Walsh, Director of Security, U. S. Information Agency (USIA), called Liaison and furnished the following information:

USIA is getting out a message to all principal USIA posts throughout the world asking for comments and recommendations for presentation of the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" to the person in each country who is "most nearly corresponding" to the Director of the FBI. It is hoped that after the recommendations are received USIA will be able to induce the Director to autograph copies of his book to these individuals.

Walsh stated that he did not know how many requests would be received from the USIA posts but did not think the volume would be too great. He assumed that all of the individuals would be satisfactory to the Bureau; however, he would have to wait until the recommendations are received to be sure. He stated that the reason for his mentioning this to Liaison was to, if possible, get an unofficial view before formally requesting the Director's autograph in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

It appears that much good could come from USIA presenting copies of "Masters of Deceit" to officials of other countries. However, the Director should not be committed to this program even though it is an excellent gesture on the part of USIA. The Director cannot be placed in a position of having to autograph some and not being able to autograph others because of derogatory or unfavorable information that may be in Bureau files on persons recommended by USIA. Accordingly and unless you disapprove, Walsh will be advised via Liaison that it is doubtful if the Director would agree to autographing books for persons in foreign countries whom he does not know. Walsh will be told that the Director appreciates the thought behind USIA's presenting these books to foreign officials and the Bureau has no objection to this even though the Director cannot commit himself to this program.

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- 1 - Mr. Holloman  
 1 - Mr. Nease  
 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones  
 1 - Liaison Section  
 1 - Mr. Whaley

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Walsh advised 4/14/58 WTW  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (80 852)

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 4/15/58

Box 114

Enclosed is a letter from [redacted] Dewey, Oklahoma, dated 4/10/58, containing favorable comments about the Director, and his book, as well as an opinion on the history of Communism.

[redacted], on a continuing basis since October, 1946, has directed letters to the NYO. All the letters, for the most part, bear the same theme and pattern, that is, the alleged conspiracy of "Confidential" magazine and Communists to prevent her from obtaining gainful employment. The contents of these letters indicate the reflections and thoughts of an emotionally disturbed person.

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1- New York (80-852)

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CRIME RECORDS  
FBI - NEW YORK  
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Dewey, Oklahoma,  
April 10, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been reading your book and wish to compliment you. I admire your language and expression of ideas tremendously. There are several points that occur to me, however. I know of case histories back in 1905 that would indicate the communists were organized in our institutions and influencing home life before the czar was overthrown. If this is true, Marx and Lenin simply recorded rather than invented social situations. Also the fall of America is over due and was slated to occur before the Czar was over thrown.

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We have Old World Stalinism over here which is not really under the control of modern Russia. Russia, under the direction of N. Kruschieva is trying to rise from the conditions of serfdom it endured under the czar and Stalin. If the Old World Stalinists over throw our government, they will turn on Russia and subvert the entire world to Old World Stalinism. Russia realizes this. If we have war, that will be the reason: the war of modern Russia against the Old World Stalinism transplanted in America. Russia suffered terribly under her former governments and I think N. Kruschieva should be encouraged to help the Russians rise above it especially from a spiritual stand point. I doubt very much that the Old World Stalinists over here realize the situation or have so planned it. But they are dealing with our culture which is extremely different and such an explosion is likely to occur unless it is controlled toward constructive endeavors.

I suppose you think it odd that I write to you so often and so much. But you are no stranger to me. I have the faculty of going where I wish spiritually and as such I understand you quite well. My every ideal, ambition and desire has been betrayed through communist influence..except my father, the Christian Religion and you. I like to forget my troubles in reading the Bible and the words you write. I suppose many, many people admire you. But no one needs the encouragement afforded by your ideals and standards more than I. I wish you the greatest happiness and success with your work for that makes me happy, too.

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Respectfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Also see  
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U.S. military order, 1942  
Lucerne County, N.Y.  
Citizens, "Evacuate within the Day"  
The so-called "Masters of Deceit" like  
the American military Bully does not  
kick the physically-rejected-selected,  
in ill-health, out of his native town,  
within the day he invokes a civic pro-  
vision in A Selective Service Act, Yours  
is the only civic authority in the world  
that condones such a dehumanising  
Hitlerian policy on military property.

Respectfully -

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EX-108

Mr. Nazareno Noto  
1314 Crompond Road  
Peekskill, New York

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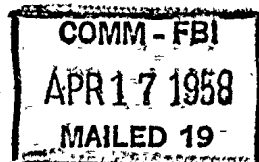
Dear Mr. Noto:

Your letter of April 9, 1958, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am acknowledging it for him. You may be sure he will appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Noto is generally a name-dropper. In 1943, he was allegedly a Fascist propaganda writer and an associate of an active Fascist sympathizer at Peekskill. (100-210787-4) It is not believed he should be furnished a reply over the Director's signature.

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Mr. Nazareno Noto  
1314 Crompond Rd  
Peekskill, NY

April 9th, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of Bureau of  
Investigation  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*MASTERS OF DECEIT*

I heard over the radio that you are writing a book. I believe you have a lot to say in that book. Could it be transcribed to a record so that blind people like me could listen to it?

You do not know me, But I know you. While I worked with the US Government Shipping Board I was in Philadelphia where the let-up fleet was. At that time there were rumors that thieves were planning to strip the fleet of valuables. I was there as an undercover man to discover the people who abused their privilege to be on the Board, a task which I was able to fulfill. My boss was Frank Burke, Manager of the Investigation Dept. of the Shipping Board who had been with the Treasury Dept. 35 years. I also remember that when you were to take a job as Director of the Bureau of Investigation Mr. Burke also was in line for the job having been recommended to a group of Congressmen and his son, also [redacted] all worked for the Department then under William Burns whom you succeeded. Do you remember Congressman Husted? I applied for him many times to try to get him into your office. He did not want a political job so transferred the department so that politics had no weight. No Congressman could apply to your office, so I recommended myself to a political appointment in the values division, the Labor Dept., as Sergeant-at arms and other department work, and this is how I got to know you.

I remember Mr. Burke asked me to talk to Mr. Husted on his behalf and Mr. Husted said nothing could be done because of the political block. This was good for I have found political appointees do not do their work well for they work under a cloak of protection and have no obligation save to the Congressman or Senator who puts them there.

I also wrote a book and listed my activities in this country. I came from Italy, was illiterate. My passport had an inscription saying this. While I was in Washington I educated myself in a private school and in six years was in a position to write legible reports. I became a US Citizen in 1917 and believe that was the best thing I ever did. I went to Europe six times for the Shipping Board, working undercover, but when I came back from Europe Mr. Burke assigned me as an open man, gave me a badge and credentials. My boss became John Meehan. You must remember these people. I have a friend by name of Palma who knows you very well. He resigned and came to be an agent for Ford. With him I have often conversed about you for he felt you were a great man, sacrificing a large income for a chance to work for the

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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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US Government at \$10,000 a year. I talked with President Hoover about you during and after his presidency. In my book I listed all these things, but lacked the angel you have. My book has been seen by many printers, has been called too voluminous and I have been told it would cost \$5000 to print, which I do not have. When I left the Government service I had 17¢ in my pocket.

In 1935 I became blind. I used to know Mr. Burns who has an agency in White Plains now, but as my estimate goes, he was not a Mr. Hoover and that is why he had so many headaches. I am not asking you for anything personally. All I want is to see this country survive for I believe it is in great danger and I pray God President Eisenhower be illuminated so he doesn't get into trouble with the U.S.S.R for if he does they will beat us; for they are poor people, with nothing to lose and much to gain.

Very truly yours

*Nazarene note*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: April 15, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: 

MASTERS OF DECEIT

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By letter dated April 9, 1958, the above-captioned individual, identified as Public Relations Administrator, of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, Cleveland, Ohio, indicated that he would like permission to reprint several paragraphs of the Director's book in his company publication, "Cliffs News." He attached several copies of past issues to show the type of publication. Mr. Tolson noted: "I think OK. I will clear with Rigg. Note change. Check wordage."

The quotes are taken from Part I of the book. The first paragraph of the quotation is the opening paragraph on page 3; the other quotes are from pages 6 and 7. We have checked the quotations and they are satisfactory.

Bufiles reflect no derogatory information concerning the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company. There is no identifiable data re

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Mr.  after Mr. Tolson checks with Mr. Rigg of Henry Holt and Company to secure permission for "Cliffs News" to use the quotations from "Masters of Deceit."

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Mrs. [redacted]  
13984 Hubbard Street  
San Fernando, California

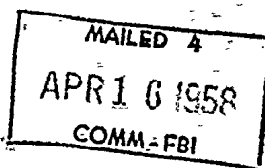
Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of April 6, 1958, has been received, and I was certainly pleased to learn of your interest in "Masters of Deceit." It was most kind of you to write and give me the benefit of your observations, and I assure you I am grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: No record in Bufiles regarding [redacted]. In regard to the matter referred to by [redacted] see Jones to Nease memo dated 4-15-58 captioned "The Next President," Musical Comedy, Bijou Theater, NYC" which pertains to [redacted]

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 6, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Sir:

The Los Angeles Examiner is soon to publish a serialization of your book, "Masters of Deceit."

I am sure it is timely and one which we all should read. I believe it is only one of the insidious plots to destroy from within.

This small incident which struck me as being odd at the time still annoys or angers me. I am going to mention it here.

On a 9:15 PM - 3-18-1958 broadcast, "Night Life," New York, [redacted] had a so-called funny-man who did a good job of ridiculing your book, and, also any material depicting protection against subversion, as "I Led Three Lives," based on the Philbrick story. The name of the individual is a [redacted] (I believe [redacted], likely a stage name.)

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Respectfully,

/s/ Mrs.  
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*Ans. Mr. Tolson*

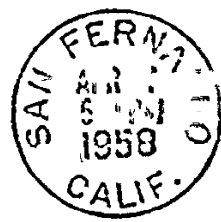
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*mail 4/16/58  
JH*



Mrs. [redacted]  
13984 Hubbard St.  
San Fernando, Calif.



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Directed  
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opened by  
John Rose

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: April 15, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: F. S. HAYNES  
 PUBLISHER  
 "ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL"  
 "ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER"  
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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BACKGROUND:

By radiogram dated 4/14/58 SAC Santoiana of San Juan advised that Mr. Haynes who is personally acquainted with Santoiana has spent a few days in Puerto Rico and is en route to Washington and New York to attend a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and Publishers. Santoiana stated that Haynes has a copy of "Masters of Deceit" which he desires to have autographed by the Director.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

"Who's Who in America" for 1958-1959 reflects that Haynes was born as Frantz Stetman Haynes on April 1, 1909, at Denver, Colorado. He has been in the newspaper business since 1930 and worked with the Copley Press papers, including the "San Pedro News Pilot" and the "South Daily Breeze" of Redondo Beach in California until 1956 when he assumed his present position. The 1957 edition of "Editor and Publisher" reflects that he is Vice President and Publisher of the Copley Press and also editor of the editorial page of the "Illinois State Journal." The "Illinois State Register" is also a publication of the Copley Press. The Journal and the Register combine in their Sunday edition and are known as "The Journal Register." Haynes had one son by his first wife whom he married in 1927 and a son and daughter by his second wife whom he married in 1930. His home and business addresses are in Springfield, Illinois.

RELATIONS OF BUREAU WITH NEWSPAPERS:

Editorial ticklers reflect that we have cordial relations with both the "Illinois State Register" and the "Illinois State Journal." Mr. V. Y. Dallman is the Editor of the "Illinois State Register." On May 7, 1957, the Director expressed his appreciation to Mr. Haynes for an editorial which had appeared in the "Illinois State Journal" and which favorably commented on the Director's stand on the publishing of the names of young hoodlums. Prior to this letter, the Bureau had corresponded with Mr. J. Emil Smith, the former editor of the "Illinois State Journal."

(Recommendations on next page)

cc - Mr. Holloman

cc - Mr. Nease

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Jones to Nease memo

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Director autograph Mr. Haynes' copy of "Masters of Deceit."

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(2) The Director may desire to shake hands briefly with Mr. Haynes if he calls personally at the Bureau.

I will be in the city  
of J. J. Jones

April 3, 1958

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EX. - 123

Mr. A. Harold Noon  
Editor and Publisher  
\* Business Digest  
681 Market Street  
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Noon:

I have just received the March 31, 1958, issue of Business Digest which you so thoughtfully forwarded, and I did not want to let the opportunity pass without dropping you this note to express my deep appreciation. It is certainly encouraging that you considered "Masters of Deceit" important enough to recommend to your readers.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Noon wrote for photograph of Director for publication purposes on 3-11-58 and one was sent to him by letter dated 3-14-58. Noon apparently is identical with the A. Harold Noon who wrote the Director in 1937 as Publisher of the Arcadia, California, "Tribune" to advise of his opposition to crime and corruption. In 1948, A. Harold Noon of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States was listed among the persons whom the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California approved as members of its Citizens' Advisory Committee. Address per masthead of magazine. Magazine reprinted the review of "Masters of Deceit" by James Lee. Letter has already been directed to James Lee in connection with his review of this book.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 2, 1958

The attached two copies of the "Business Digest," were sent to the Director from Business Digest, 681 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif. Reference is made to the Director on pages 3 and 9 which have been flagged.

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Attachments - bak

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Compliments of

A. HAROLD NOON

OWNER AND PUBLISHER  
BUSINESS DIGEST  
WORLD-WIDE CIRCULATION

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